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## Introduction

Governments at all levels have changed significantly in the last 25 years in response to evolving ideas about efficiency and performance, questions about government's role in providing services, higher citizen expectations about government, coupled with tighter budgets. The importance of these ideas was highlighted by the book, *Reinventing Government*,<sup>1</sup> published in 1992, and the Clinton-era initiatives such as the National Performance review, and the Government Performance and Accountability Act of 1993.

These developments coincided with a re-examination of the programs, roles and responsibilities of state and local governments. The initiatives took different forms, depending on the culture and unique needs of states and communities. In Missouri, Governor Carnahan (1993-2000) initiated a review of state government when he created the Commission on Management and Productivity and charged it with "improving government efficiency and productivity and making service to the public, rather than bureaucratic activity, the measure of program success."<sup>2</sup> This review led to restructuring of government, the adoption of measures to improve and streamline governmental activities, the use of performance measures in budgeting to focus attention on service quality, and the initiation of e-government in the state.

These initiatives led some city and state governments to take a broader approach to assessing performance by developing indicators of the well-being of the city or state as a whole. This approach enables citizens to look beyond discrete measures of government performance to the impact of governmental policies on the community as a whole. Typical indicators include economic activity, income and tax levels, as well as measures of social and economic conditions.

Missouri does not have a formal structure for identifying appropriate benchmarks or for assessing progress over time. This report is designed to fill that gap. It is the fourth report prepared by the Institute of Public Policy; the first three were published in cooperation with Missouri state auditors Susan Montee and Thomas Schweich.

Most Missourians probably think that their state ranks somewhere near the middle among all states, regardless of the measure used; they are correct. Of the 37 measures examined here, Missouri ranked in the top 25 percent of states (top 12) on only 2 measures and it ranked in the bottom 25 percent (38 or higher) on only 5 measures. However, it is important to note that ranking in the top 25 percent or bottom 25 percent may be indicative of either a positive or negative state measure. Five of the seven rankings do not reflect well on the state, and the remaining rankings may be viewed as positive or negative, depending on one's philosophical perspective. Missouri's highest and lowest rankings are:

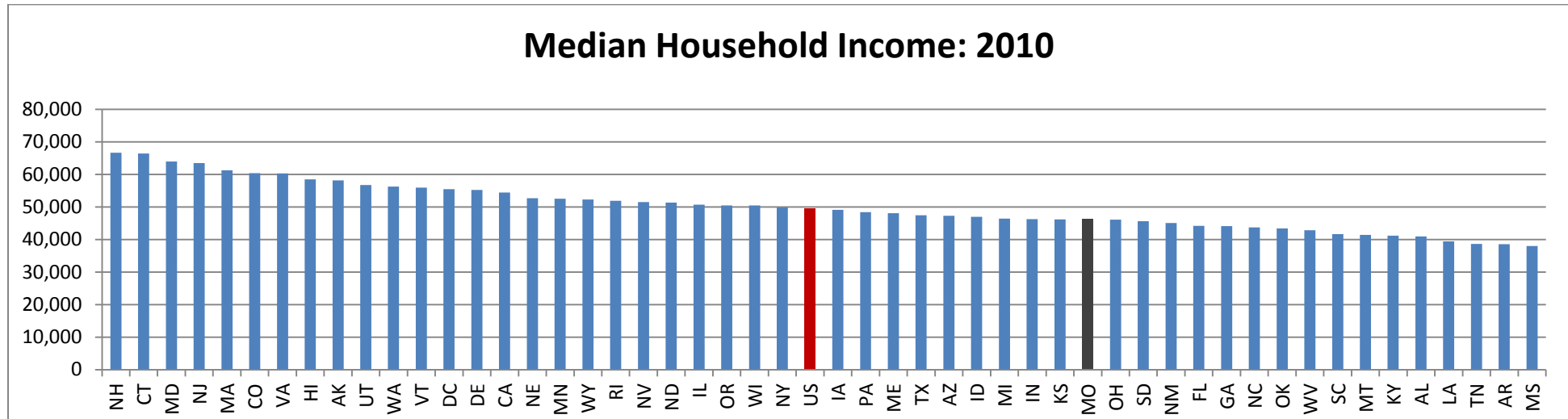
Missouri's Highest Ranking		Missouri's Lowest Ranking	
Rank	Item	Rank	Item
11	Percent of Population that are Adult Smokers	51	Cigarette Tax per Pack
12	Fatalities in Alcohol Related Crashes	50	Job Growth Rate
		46	Percentage of Population Using Seatbelts
		44	State Gas Tax in Cents
		44	State Tax Burden as a Percentage of Personal Income

<sup>1</sup> Osborne, David and Ted Gaebler. *Reinventing Government*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley.

<sup>2</sup> Lori Strong-Goeke. Accessed at [www.govinfo.library.unt.edu/npr/library/papers/bkgrd/missouri.htm](http://www.govinfo.library.unt.edu/npr/library/papers/bkgrd/missouri.htm).

# Economy

### Median Household Income: 2010



Rank	State	Income
1	New Hampshire	66,707
2	Connecticut	66,452
3	Maryland	64,025
4	New Jersey	63,540
5	Massachusetts	61,333
6	Colorado	60,442
7	Virginia	60,363
8	Hawaii	58,507
9	Alaska	58,198
10	Utah	56,787
11	Washington	56,253
12	Vermont	55,942
13	District of Columbia	55,528
14	Delaware	55,269
15	California	54,459
16	Nebraska	52,728
17	Minnesota	52,554
18	Wyoming	52,359
19	Rhode Island	51,914

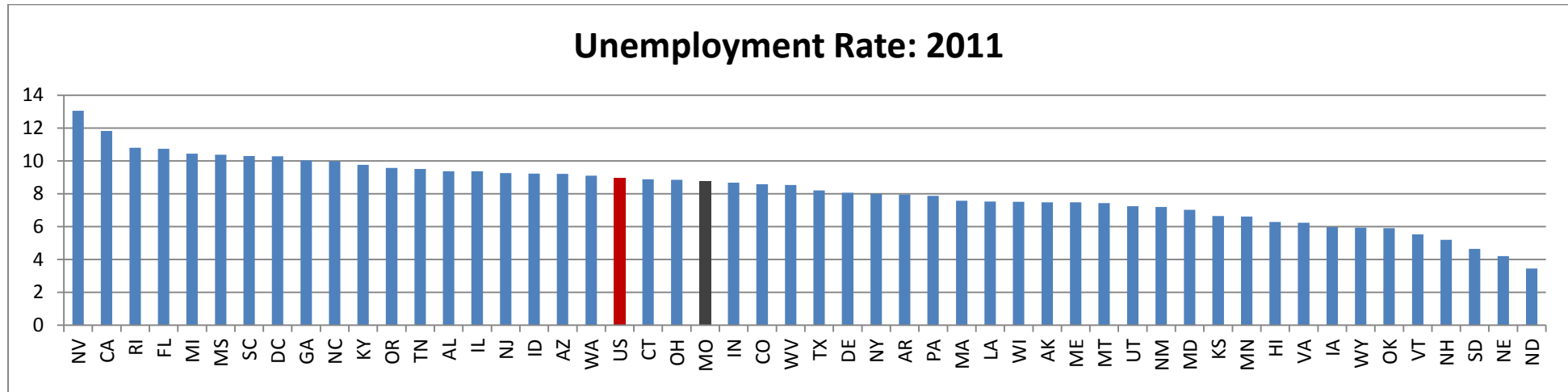
Rank	State	Income
20	Nevada	51,525
21	North Dakota	51,380
22	Illinois	50,761
23	Oregon	50,526
24	Wisconsin	50,522
25	New York	49,826
	<b>United States</b>	<b>49,445</b>
26	Iowa	49,177
27	Pennsylvania	48,460
28	Maine	48,133
29	Texas	47,464
30	Arizona	47,279
31	Idaho	47,014
32	Michigan	46,441
33	Indiana	46,322
34	Kansas	46,229
35	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>46,184</b>
36	Ohio	46,093
37	South Dakota	45,669

Rank	State	Income
38	New Mexico	45,098
39	Florida	44,243
40	Georgia	44,108
41	North Carolina	43,753
42	Oklahoma	43,400
43	West Virginia	42,839
44	South Carolina	41,709
45	Montana	41,467
46	Kentucky	41,236
47	Alabama	40,976
48	Louisiana	39,443
49	Tennessee	38,686
50	Arkansas	38,571
51	Mississippi	37,985

Year	MO Rank	Income
2008	39	46,038
2009	27	48,769
2010	35	46,148

Source: census.gov

### Unemployment Rate: 2011



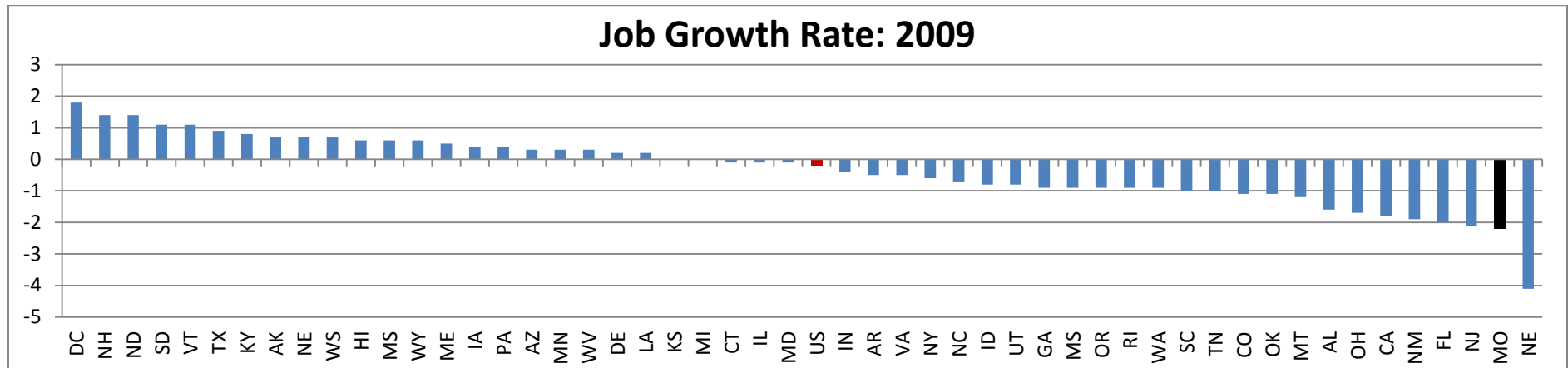
Rank	State	Rate
1	Nevada	13.06
2	California	11.83
3	Rhode Island	10.81
4	Florida	10.74
5	Michigan	10.44
6	Mississippi	10.38
7	South Carolina	10.31
8	District of Columbia	10.29
9	Georgia	10.03
10	North Carolina	9.99
11	Kentucky	9.77
12	Oregon	9.58
13	Tennessee	9.51
14	Alabama	9.37
14	Illinois	9.37
16	New Jersey	9.26
17	Idaho	9.23
18	Arizona	9.22
19	Washington	9.10

Rank	State	Rate
20	<b>United States</b>	<b>8.95</b>
20	Connecticut	8.89
21	Ohio	8.85
<b>22</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>8.79</b>
23	Indiana	8.68
24	Colorado	8.58
25	West Virginia	8.53
26	Texas	8.21
27	Delaware	8.06
28	New York	8.00
29	Arkansas	7.96
30	Pennsylvania	7.88
31	Massachusetts	7.58
32	Louisiana	7.53
33	Wisconsin	7.51
34	Alaska	7.48
34	Maine	7.48
36	Montana	7.43
37	Utah	7.24

Rank	State	Rate
38	New Mexico	7.20
39	Maryland	7.03
40	Kansas	6.64
41	Minnesota	6.61
42	Hawaii	6.28
43	Virginia	6.24
44	Iowa	5.97
45	Wyoming	5.93
46	Oklahoma	5.91
47	Vermont	5.53
48	New Hampshire	5.19
49	South Dakota	4.65
50	Nebraska	4.20
51	North Dakota	3.44

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2009	19	9.26
2010	19	9.58
2011	22	8.79

Source: bls.gov



Rank	State	Rate
1	District of Columbia	1.8
2	New Hampshire	1.4
2	North Dakota	1.4
4	South Dakota	1.1
4	Vermont	1.1
6	Texas	0.9
7	Kentucky	0.8
8	Alaska	0.7
8	Nebraska	0.7
8	Wisconsin	0.7
11	Hawaii	0.6
11	Massachusetts	0.6
11	Wyoming	0.6
14	Maine	0.5
15	Iowa	0.4
15	Pennsylvania	0.4
17	Arizona	0.3
17	Minnesota	0.3
17	West Virginia	0.3

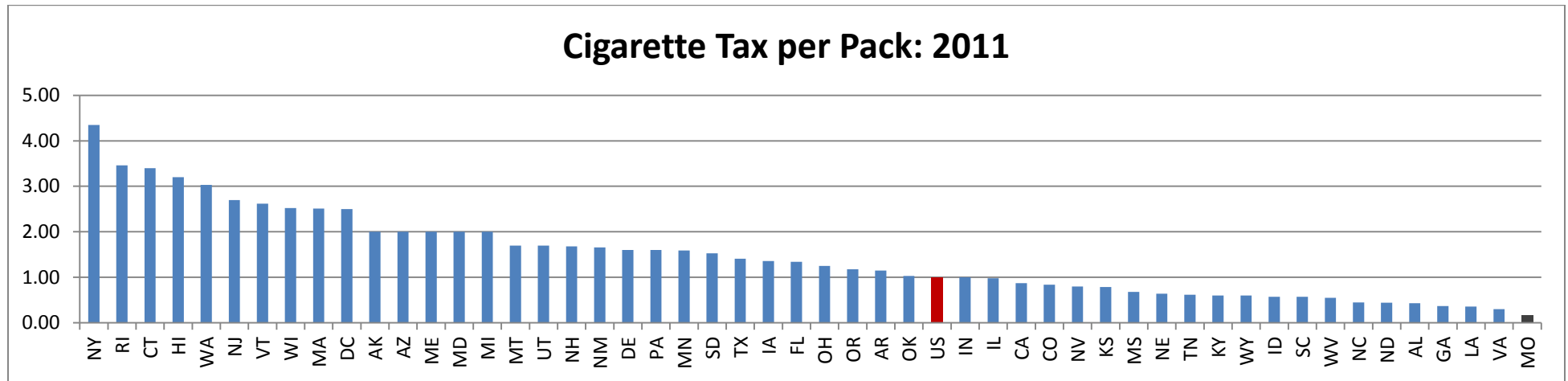
Rank	State	Rate
20	Delaware	0.2
20	Louisiana	0.2
22	Kansas	0.0
22	Michigan	0.0
24	Connecticut	-0.1
24	Illinois	-0.1
24	Maryland	-0.1
	<b>United States</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
27	Indiana	-0.4
28	Arkansas	-0.5
28	Virginia	-0.5
30	New York	-0.6
31	North Carolina	-0.7
32	Idaho	-0.8
32	Utah	-0.8
34	Georgia	-0.9
34	Mississippi	-0.9
34	Oregon	-0.9
34	Rhode Island	-0.9

Rank	State	Rate
34	Washington	-0.9
39	South Carolina	-1.0
39	Tennessee	-1.0
41	Colorado	-1.1
41	Oklahoma	-1.1
43	Montana	-1.2
44	Alabama	-1.6
45	Ohio	-1.7
46	California	-1.8
47	New Mexico	-1.9
48	Florida	-2.0
49	New Jersey	-2.1
<b>50</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
51	Nevada	-4.1

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2007	16	-0.9
2008	9	-2.4
2009	50	-2.2

Source: Morgan, K. O., & Morgan, S. 2009; 2010; 2011

### Cigarette Tax per Pack: 2011



Rank	State	Tax
1	New York	4.35
2	Rhode Island	3.46
3	Connecticut	3.40
4	Hawaii	3.20
5	Washington	3.03
6	New Jersey	2.70
7	Vermont	2.62
8	Wisconsin	2.52
9	Massachusetts	2.51
10	District of Columbia	2.50
11	Alaska	2.00
11	Arizona	2.00
11	Maine	2.00
11	Maryland	2.00
11	Michigan	2.00
16	Montana	1.70
16	Utah	1.70
18	New Hampshire	1.68
19	New Mexico	1.66

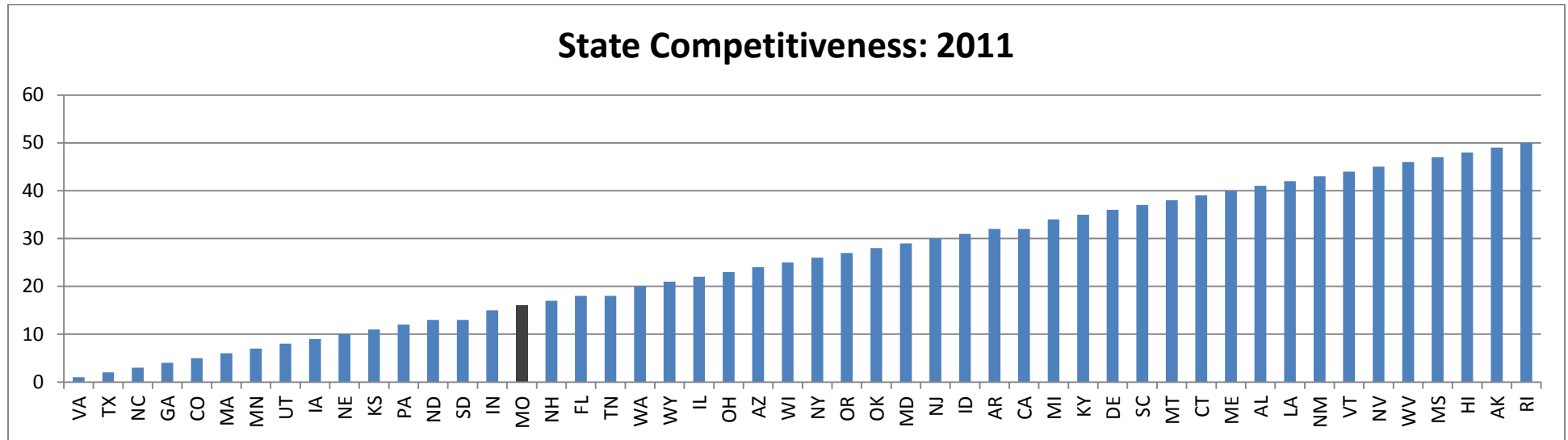
Rank	State	Tax
20	Delaware	1.60
20	Pennsylvania	1.60
22	Minnesota	1.59
23	South Dakota	1.53
24	Texas	1.41
25	Iowa	1.36
26	Florida	1.34
27	Ohio	1.25
28	Oregon	1.18
29	Arkansas	1.15
30	Oklahoma	1.03
	<b>United States</b>	<b>1.01</b>
31	Indiana	1.00
32	Illinois	0.98
33	California	0.87
34	Colorado	0.84
35	Nevada	0.80
36	Kansas	0.79
37	Mississippi	0.68

Rank	State	Tax
38	Nebraska	0.64
39	Tennessee	0.62
40	Kentucky	0.60
40	Wyoming	0.60
42	Idaho	0.57
42	South Carolina	0.57
44	West Virginia	0.55
45	North Carolina	0.45
46	North Dakota	0.44
47	Alabama	0.43
48	Georgia	0.37
49	Louisiana	0.36
50	Virginia	0.30
<b>51</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>0.17</b>

Source: tobaccofreekids.org



### State Competitiveness: 2011



Rank	State
1	Virginia
2	Texas
3	North Carolina
4	Georgia
5	Colorado
6	Massachusetts
7	Minnesota
8	Utah
9	Iowa
10	Nebraska
11	Kansas
12	Pennsylvania
13	North Dakota
13	South Dakota
15	Indiana
16	<b>Missouri</b>
17	New Hampshire
18	Florida
18	Tennessee

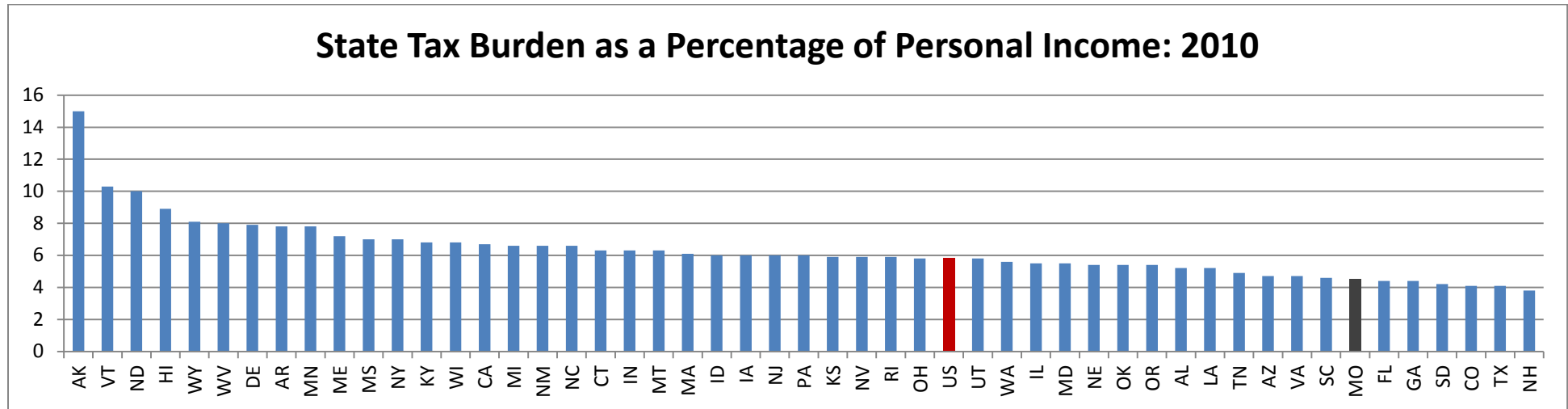
Rank	State
20	Washington
21	Wyoming
22	Illinois
23	Ohio
24	Arizona
25	Wisconsin
26	New York
27	Oregon
28	Oklahoma
29	Maryland
30	New Jersey
31	Idaho
32	California
32	Arkansas
34	Michigan
35	Kentucky
36	Delaware
37	South Carolina
38	Montana

Rank	State
39	Connecticut
40	Maine
41	Alabama
42	Louisiana
43	New Mexico
44	Vermont
45	Nevada
46	West Virginia
47	Mississippi
48	Hawaii
49	Alaska
50	Rhode Island

Source: cnbc.com

# Social Well-being

### State Tax Burden as a Percentage of Personal Income: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	Alaska	15
2	Vermont	10.3
3	North Dakota	10
4	Hawaii	8.9
5	Wyoming	8.1
6	West Virginia	8
7	Delaware	7.9
8	Minnesota	7.8
8	Arkansas	7.8
10	Maine	7.2
11	New York	7
11	Mississippi	7
13	Kentucky	6.8
13	Wisconsin	6.8
15	California	6.7
16	Michigan	6.6
16	New Mexico	6.6
16	North Carolina	6.6
19	Connecticut	6.3

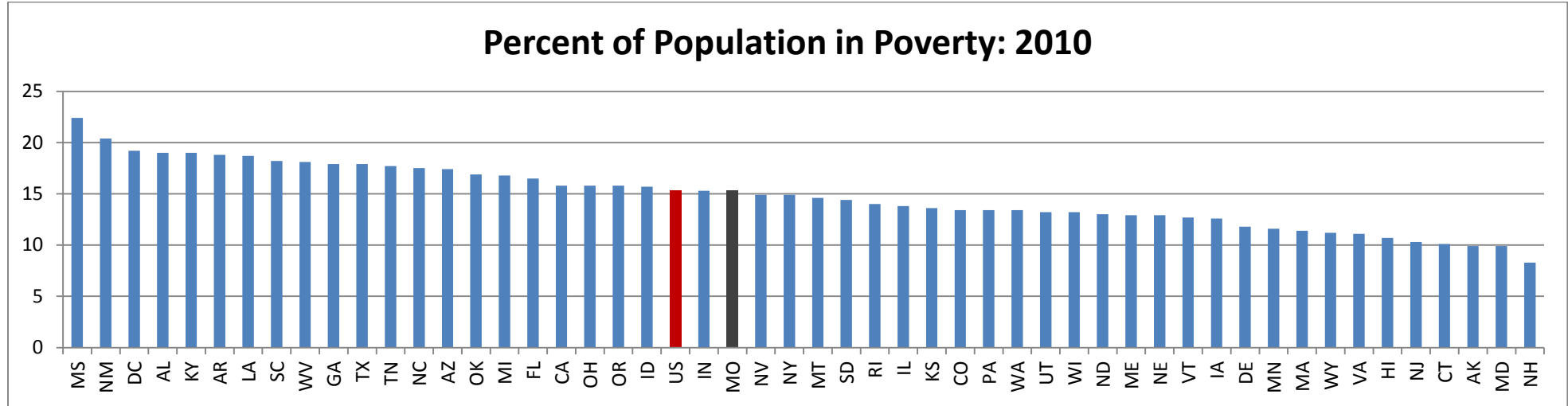
Rank	State	Percent
19	Indiana	6.3
19	Montana	6.3
22	Massachusetts	6.1
23	Iowa	6
23	Idaho	6
23	Pennsylvania	6
23	New Jersey	6
27	Rhode Island	5.9
27	Kansas	5.9
27	Nevada	5.9
30	Ohio	5.8
	<b>United States</b>	<b>5.8</b>
30	Utah	5.8
32	Washington	5.6
33	Maryland	5.5
33	Illinois	5.5
35	Oregon	5.4
35	Nebraska	5.4
35	Oklahoma	5.4

Rank	State	Percent
38	Alabama	5.2
39	Louisiana	5.2
40	Tennessee	4.9
41	Virginia	4.7
41	Arizona	4.7
43	South Carolina	4.6
<b>44</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>4.5</b>
45	Georgia	4.4
45	Florida	4.4
47	South Dakota	4.2
48	Texas	4.1
48	Colorado	4.1
50	New Hampshire	3.8

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2009	42	4.8
2010	44	4.5

Source: taxadmin.org

### Percent of Population in Poverty: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	22.4
2	New Mexico	20.4
3	District of Columbia	19.2
4	Alabama	19.0
4	Kentucky	19.0
6	Arkansas	18.8
7	Louisiana	18.7
8	South Carolina	18.2
9	West Virginia	18.1
10	Georgia	17.9
10	Texas	17.9
12	Tennessee	17.7
13	North Carolina	17.5
14	Arizona	17.4
15	Oklahoma	16.9
16	Michigan	16.8
17	Florida	16.5
18	California	15.8
18	Ohio	15.8

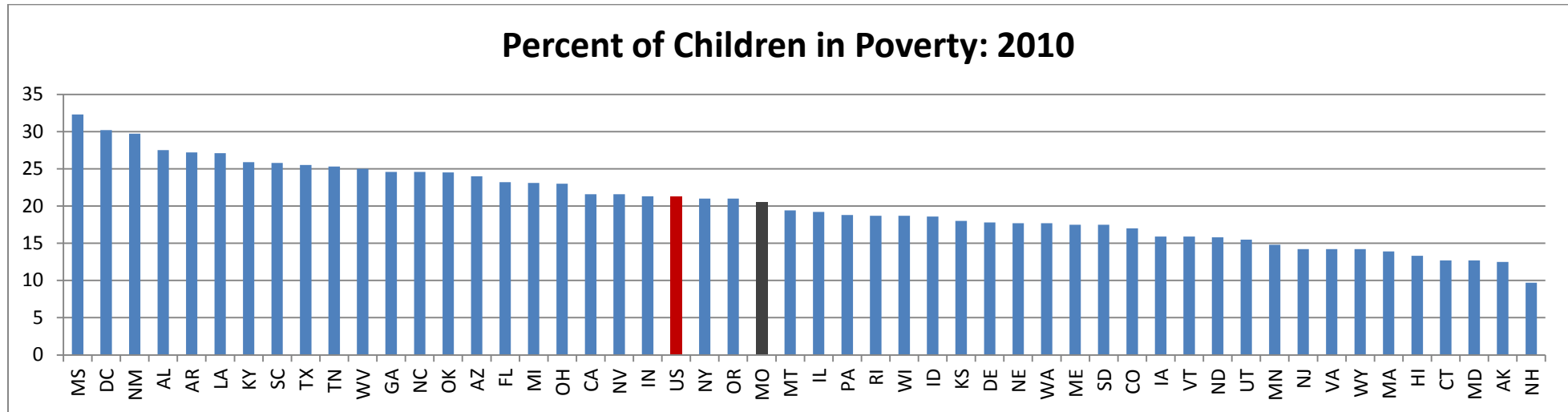
Rank	State	Percent
18	Oregon	15.8
21	Idaho	15.7
	<b>United States</b>	<b>15.3</b>
22	Indiana	15.3
<b>22</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>15.3</b>
24	Nevada	14.9
24	New York	14.9
26	Montana	14.6
27	South Dakota	14.4
28	Rhode Island	14.0
29	Illinois	13.8
30	Kansas	13.6
31	Colorado	13.4
31	Pennsylvania	13.4
31	Washington	13.4
34	Utah	13.2
34	Wisconsin	13.2
36	North Dakota	13.0
37	Maine	12.9

Rank	State	Percent
37	Nebraska	12.9
39	Vermont	12.7
40	Iowa	12.6
41	Delaware	11.8
42	Minnesota	11.6
43	Massachusetts	11.4
44	Wyoming	11.2
45	Virginia	11.1
46	Hawaii	10.7
47	New Jersey	10.3
48	Connecticut	10.1
49	Alaska	9.9
49	Maryland	9.9
51	New Hampshire	8.3

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	19	13.4
2009	20	14.6
2010	22	15.3

Source: census.gov

### Percent of Children in Poverty: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	32.3
2	District of Columbia	30.2
3	New Mexico	29.7
4	Alabama	27.5
5	Arkansas	27.2
6	Louisiana	27.1
7	Kentucky	25.9
8	South Carolina	25.8
9	Texas	25.5
10	Tennessee	25.3
11	West Virginia	25.0
12	Georgia	24.6
12	North Carolina	24.6
14	Oklahoma	24.5
15	Arizona	24.0
16	Florida	23.2
17	Michigan	23.1
18	Ohio	23.0
19	California	21.6

Rank	State	Percent
19	Nevada	21.6
21	Indiana	21.3
	<b>United States</b>	<b>21.2</b>
22	New York	21.0
22	Oregon	21.0
<b>24</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>20.5</b>
25	Montana	19.4
26	Illinois	19.2
27	Pennsylvania	18.8
28	Rhode Island	18.7
28	Wisconsin	18.7
30	Idaho	18.6
31	Kansas	18.0
32	Delaware	17.8
33	Nebraska	17.7
33	Washington	17.7
35	Maine	17.5
35	South Dakota	17.5
37	Colorado	17.0

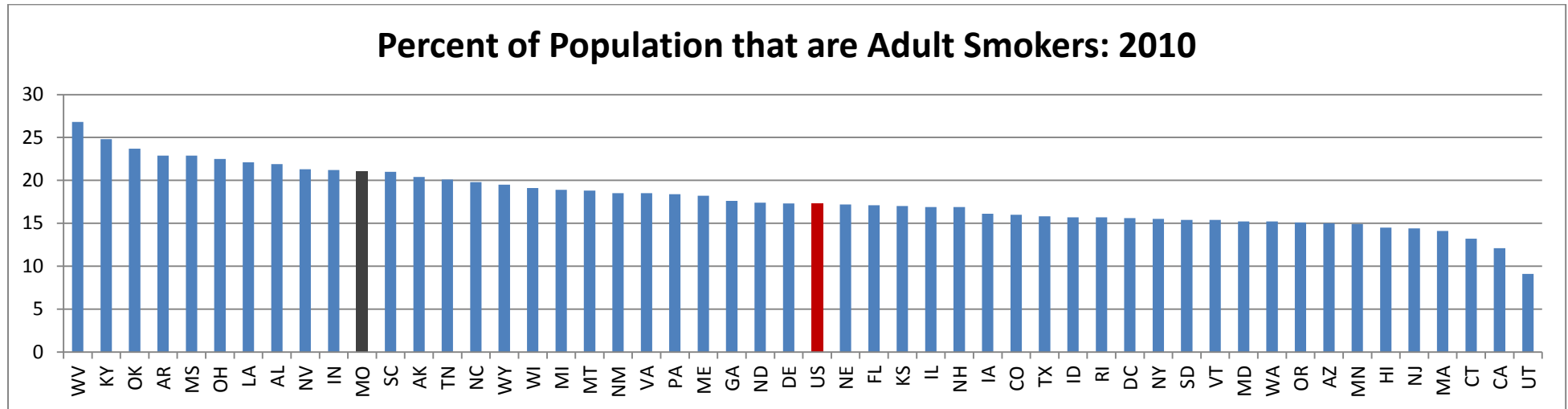
Rank	State	Percent
38	Iowa	15.9
38	Vermont	15.9
40	North Dakota	15.8
41	Utah	15.5
42	Minnesota	14.8
43	New Jersey	14.2
43	Virginia	14.2
43	Wyoming	14.2
46	Massachusetts	13.9
47	Hawaii	13.3
48	Connecticut	12.7
48	Maryland	12.7
50	Alaska	12.5
51	New Hampshire	9.7

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	19	18.2
2009	20	20.3
2010	24	20.5

Source: census.gov

# Health

### Percent of Population that are Adult Smokers: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	West Virginia	26.8
2	Kentucky	24.8
3	Oklahoma	23.7
4	Arkansas	22.9
4	Mississippi	22.9
6	Ohio	22.5
7	Louisiana	22.1
8	Alabama	21.9
9	Nevada	21.3
10	Indiana	21.2
11	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>21.1</b>
12	South Carolina	21.0
13	Alaska	20.4
14	Tennessee	20.1
15	North Carolina	19.8
16	Wyoming	19.5
17	Wisconsin	19.1
18	Michigan	18.9
19	Montana	18.8

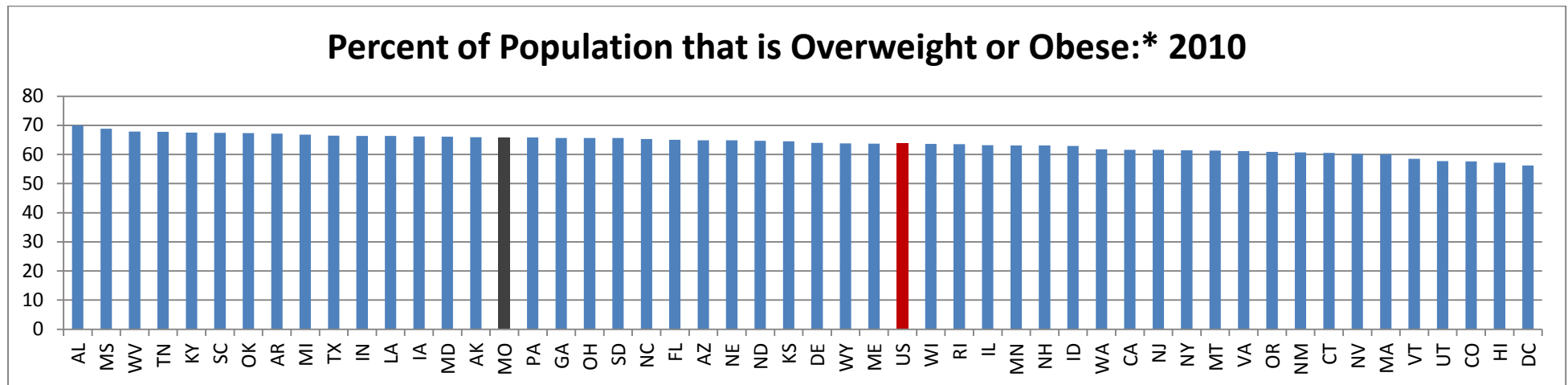
Rank	State	Percent
20	New Mexico	18.5
20	Virginia	18.5
22	Pennsylvania	18.4
23	Maine	18.2
24	Georgia	17.6
25	North Dakota	17.4
26	Delaware	17.3
	<b>United States</b>	<b>17.3</b>
27	Nebraska	17.2
28	Florida	17.1
29	Kansas	17.0
30	Illinois	16.9
30	New Hampshire	16.9
32	Iowa	16.1
33	Colorado	16.0
34	Texas	15.8
35	Idaho	15.7
35	Rhode Island	15.7
37	District of Columbia	15.6

Rank	State	Percent
38	New York	15.5
39	South Dakota	15.4
39	Vermont	15.4
41	Maryland	15.2
41	Washington	15.2
43	Oregon	15.1
44	Arizona	15.0
45	Minnesota	14.9
46	Hawaii	14.5
47	New Jersey	14.4
48	Massachusetts	14.1
49	Connecticut	13.2
50	California	12.1
51	Utah	9.1

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	4	25.0
2009	5	23.1
2010	11	21.1

Source: nccd.cdc.gov

### Percent of Population that is Overweight or Obese:\* 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	Alabama	70
2	Mississippi	68.8
3	West Virginia	67.9
4	Tennessee	67.8
5	Kentucky	67.5
6	South Carolina	67.4
7	Oklahoma	67.3
8	Arkansas	67.2
9	Michigan	66.8
10	Texas	66.5
11	Indiana	66.4
11	Louisiana	66.4
13	Iowa	66.2
14	Maryland	66.1
15	Alaska	65.9
<b>16</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>65.8</b>
16	Pennsylvania	65.8
18	Ohio	65.7
18	South Dakota	65.7

Rank	State	Percent
18	Georgia	65.7
21	North Carolina	65.3
22	Florida	65
23	Arizona	64.9
23	Nebraska	64.9
25	North Dakota	64.7
26	Kansas	64.5
27	Delaware	64
28	Wyoming	63.8
29	Main	63.7
	<b>United States</b>	<b>63.7</b>
30	Wisconsin	63.6
31	Rhode Island	63.5
32	Illinois	63.2
33	Minnesota	63.1
33	New Hampshire	63.1
35	Idaho	62.9
36	Washington	61.8
37	California	61.6

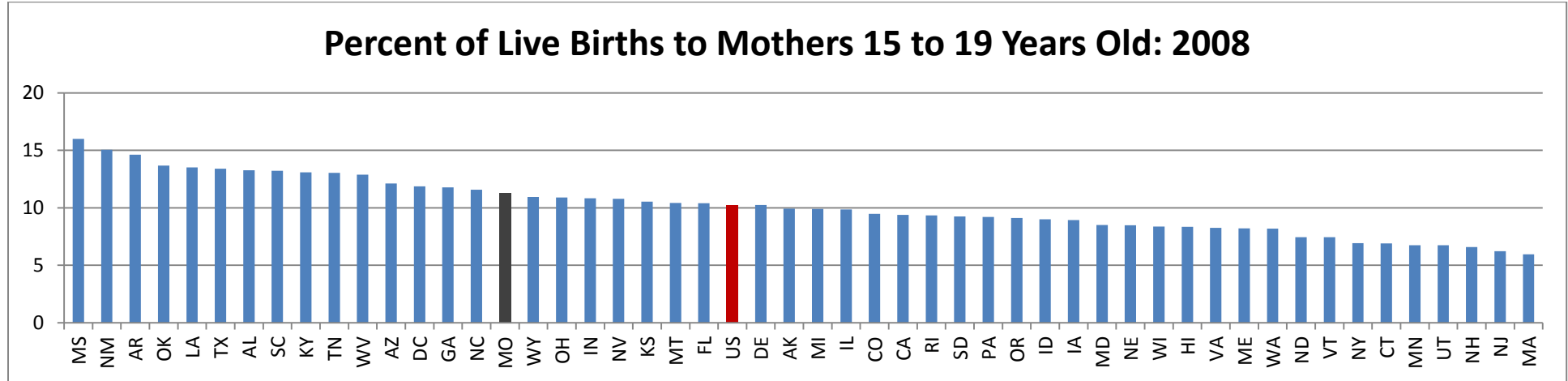
Rank	State	Percent
37	New Jersey	61.6
39	New York	61.4
40	Montana	61.3
41	Virginia	61.2
42	Oregon	60.9
43	New Mexico	60.7
44	Connecticut	60.5
45	Nevada	60.2
46	Massachusetts	60.1
47	Vermont	58.5
48	Utah	57.7
49	Colorado	57.6
50	Hawaii	57.2
51	District of Columbia	56.2

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	13	65.5
2009	15	65.6
2010	16	65.8

Source: cdc.gov \*Overweight and obesity are both labels for ranges of weight that are greater than what is generally considered healthy for a given height. The terms also identify ranges of weight that have been shown to increase the likelihood of certain diseases and other health problems.



### Percent of Live Births to Mothers 15 to 19 Years Old: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	Mississippi	16.00
2	New Mexico	15.05
3	Arkansas	14.61
4	Oklahoma	13.68
5	Louisiana	13.51
6	Texas	13.39
7	Alabama	13.26
8	South Carolina	13.21
9	Kentucky	13.08
10	Tennessee	13.04
11	West Virginia	12.89
12	Arizona	12.12
13	District of Columbia	11.86
14	Georgia	11.78
15	North Carolina	11.57
<b>16</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>11.31</b>
17	Wyoming	10.94
18	Ohio	10.89
19	Indiana	10.83

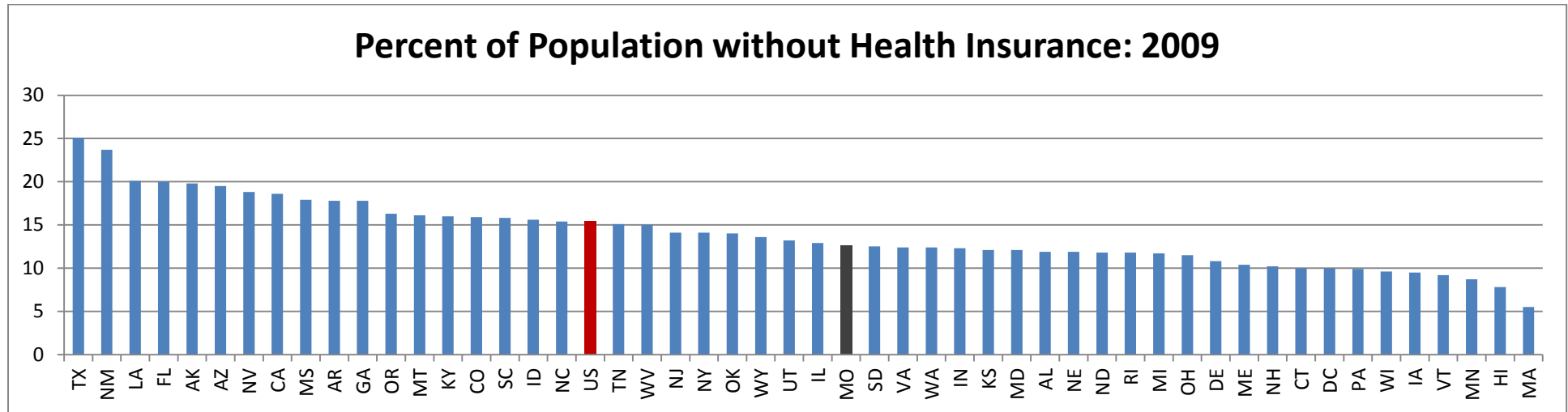
Rank	State	Percent
20	Nevada	10.79
21	Kansas	10.53
22	Montana	10.42
23	Florida	10.40
	<b>United States</b>	<b>10.24</b>
24	Delaware	10.23
25	Alaska	9.92
26	Michigan	9.89
27	Illinois	9.85
28	Colorado	9.48
29	California	9.38
30	Rhode Island	9.33
31	South Dakota	9.25
32	Pennsylvania	9.19
33	Oregon	9.12
34	Idaho	8.99
35	Iowa	8.93
36	Marvland	8.49
37	Nebraska	8.47

Rank	State	Percent
38	Wisconsin	8.36
39	Hawaii	8.34
40	Virginia	8.25
41	Maine	8.21
42	Washington	8.18
43	North Dakota	7.45
44	Vermont	7.45
45	New York	6.91
46	Connecticut	6.90
47	Minnesota	6.75
48	Utah	6.74
49	New Hampshire	6.59
50	New Jersey	6.22
51	Massachusetts	5.95

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	17	11.28
2008	16	11.31

Source: cdc.gov

### Percent of Population without Health Insurance: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	Texas	25.1
2	New Mexico	23.7
3	Louisiana	20.1
4	Florida	20.0
5	Alaska	19.8
6	Arizona	19.5
7	Nevada	18.8
8	California	18.6
9	Mississippi	17.9
10	Arkansas	17.8
10	Georgia	17.8
12	Oregon	16.3
13	Montana	16.1
14	Kentucky	16.0
15	Colorado	15.9
16	South Carolina	15.8
17	Idaho	15.6
18	North Carolina	15.4
	<b>United States</b>	<b>15.4</b>

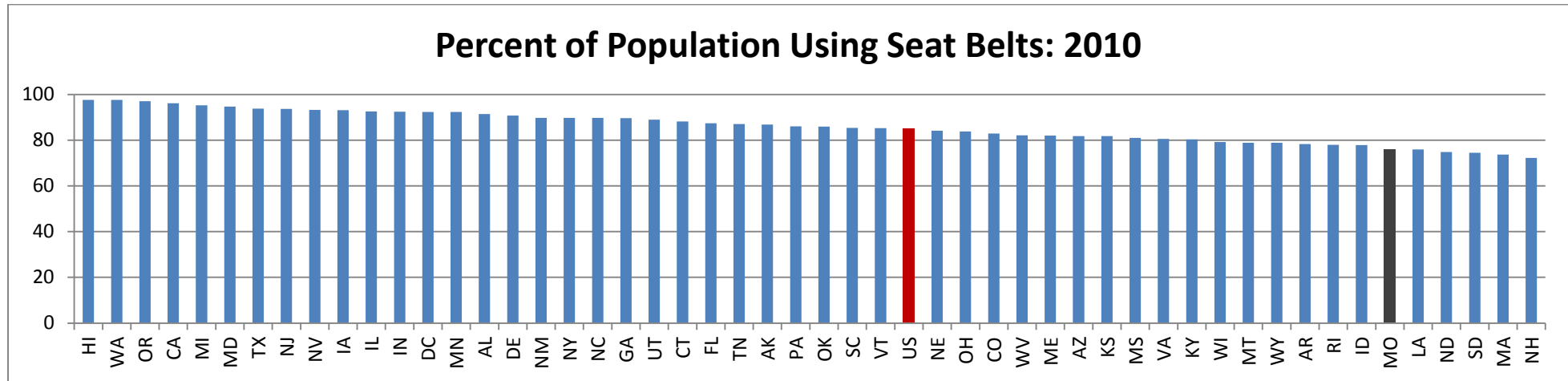
Rank	State	Percent
19	Tennessee	15.1
20	West Virginia	15.0
21	New Jersey	14.1
21	New York	14.1
23	Oklahoma	14.0
24	Wyoming	13.6
25	Utah	13.2
26	Illinois	12.9
<b>27</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>12.6</b>
28	South Dakota	12.5
29	Virginia	12.4
29	Washington	12.4
31	Indiana	12.3
32	Kansas	12.1
32	Maryland	12.1
34	Alabama	11.9
34	Nebraska	11.9
36	North Dakota	11.8
36	Rhode Island	11.8

Rank	State	Percent
38	Michigan	11.7
39	Ohio	11.5
40	Delaware	10.8
41	Maine	10.4
42	New Hampshire	10.2
43	Connecticut	10.0
43	District of Columbia	10.0
45	Pennsylvania	9.9
46	Wisconsin	9.6
47	Iowa	9.5
48	Vermont	9.2
49	Minnesota	8.7
50	Hawaii	7.8
51	Massachusetts	5.5

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	22	15.3
2009	27	12.6

Source: census.gov

### Percent of Population Using Seat Belts: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	Hawaii	97.6
1	Washington	97.6
3	Oregon	97.0
4	California	96.2
5	Michigan	95.2
6	Maryland	94.7
7	Texas	93.8
8	New Jersey	93.7
9	Nevada	93.2
10	Iowa	93.1
11	Illinois	92.6
12	Indiana	92.4
13	District of Columbia	92.3
13	Minnesota	92.3
15	Alabama	91.4
16	Delaware	90.7
17	New Mexico	89.8
17	New York	89.8
19	North Carolina	89.7

Rank	State	Percent
20	Georgia	89.6
21	Utah	89.0
22	Connecticut	88.2
23	Florida	87.4
24	Tennessee	87.1
25	Alaska	86.8
26	Pennsylvania	86.0
27	Oklahoma	85.9
28	South Carolina	85.4
29	Vermont	85.2
	<b>United States</b>	<b>85.0</b>
30	Nebraska	84.1
31	Ohio	83.8
32	Colorado	82.9
33	West Virginia	82.1
34	Maine	82.0
35	Arizona	81.8
35	Kansas	81.8
37	Mississippi	81.0

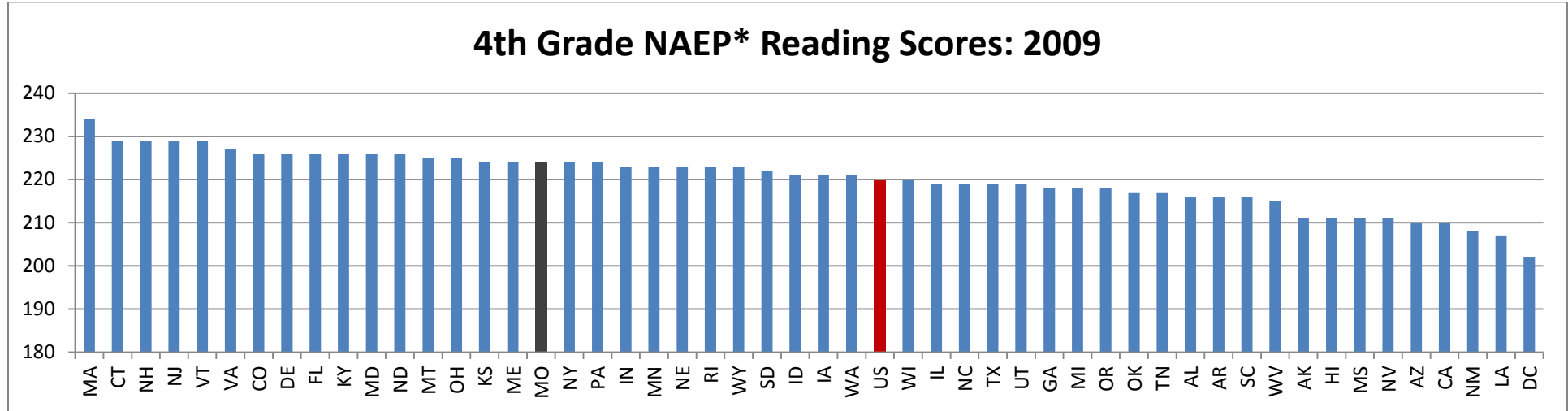
Rank	State	Percent
38	Virginia	80.5
39	Kentucky	80.3
40	Wisconsin	79.2
41	Montana	78.9
41	Wyoming	78.9
43	Arkansas	78.3
44	Rhode Island	78.0
45	Idaho	77.9
<b>46</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>76.0</b>
47	Louisiana	75.9
48	North Dakota	74.8
49	South Dakota	74.5
50	Massachusetts	73.7
51	New Hampshire	72.2

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	41	75.8
2009	41	77.2
2010	46	76.0

Source: nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov

# Education – Elementary and Secondary

### 4th Grade NAEP\* Reading Scores: 2009



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	234
2	Vermont	229
2	New Jersey	229
2	New Hampshire	229
2	Connecticut	229
6	Virginia	227
7	North Dakota	226
7	Maryland	226
7	Colorado	226
7	Delaware	226
7	Florida	226
7	Kentucky	226
13	Montana	225
13	Ohio	225
15	Kansas	224
15	Pennsylvania	224
15	Maine	224
15	Missouri	224
15	New York	224

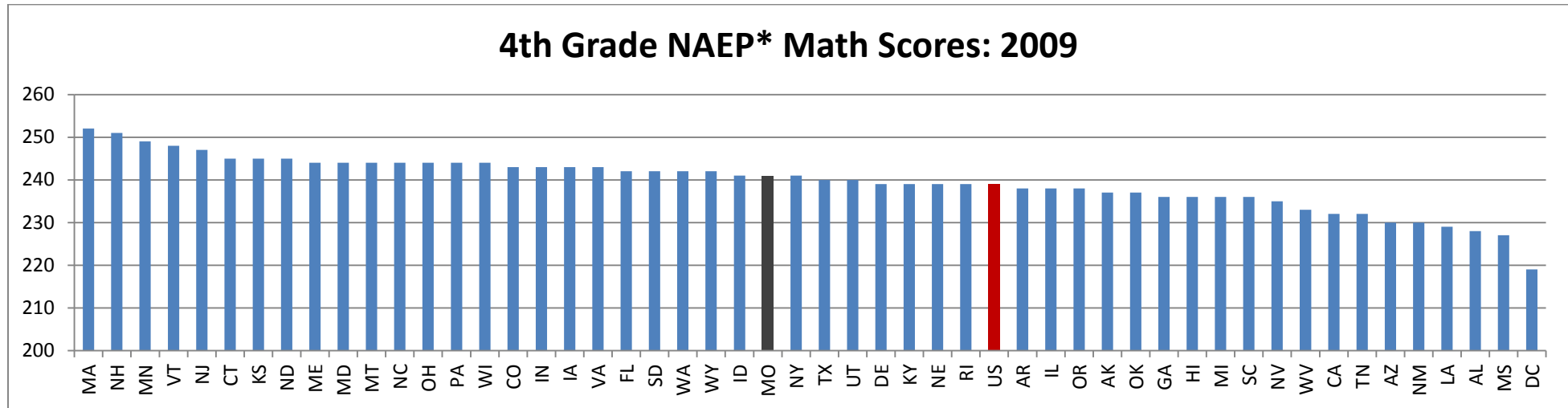
Rank	State	Score
20	Minnesota	223
20	Indiana	223
20	Wyoming	223
20	Nebraska	223
20	Rhode Island	223
20	South Dakota	222
26	Idaho	221
26	Iowa	221
26	Washington	221
	<b>United States</b>	<b>220</b>
29	Wisconsin	220
30	Texas	219
30	North Carolina	219
30	Utah	219
30	Illinois	219
34	Oregon	218
34	Michigan	218
34	Georgia	218
37	Oklahoma	217

Rank	State	Score
37	Tennessee	217
39	South Carolina	216
39	Arkansas	216
39	Alabama	216
42	West Virginia	215
43	Alaska	211
43	Hawaii	211
43	Nevada	211
43	Mississippi	211
47	Arizona	210
47	California	210
49	New Mexico	208
50	Louisiana	207
51	District of Columbia	202

Year	MO Rank	Score
2007	28	221
2009	15	224

Source: nationsreportcard.gov \*NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress

### 4th Grade NAEP\* Math Scores: 2009



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	252
2	New Hampshire	251
3	Minnesota	249
4	Vermont	248
5	New Jersey	247
6	North Dakota	245
6	Kansas	245
6	Connecticut	245
9	North Carolina	244
9	Wisconsin	244
9	Montana	244
9	Maryland	244
9	Ohio	244
9	Maine	244
9	Pennsylvania	244
16	Iowa	243
16	Virginia	243
16	Colorado	243
16	Indiana	243

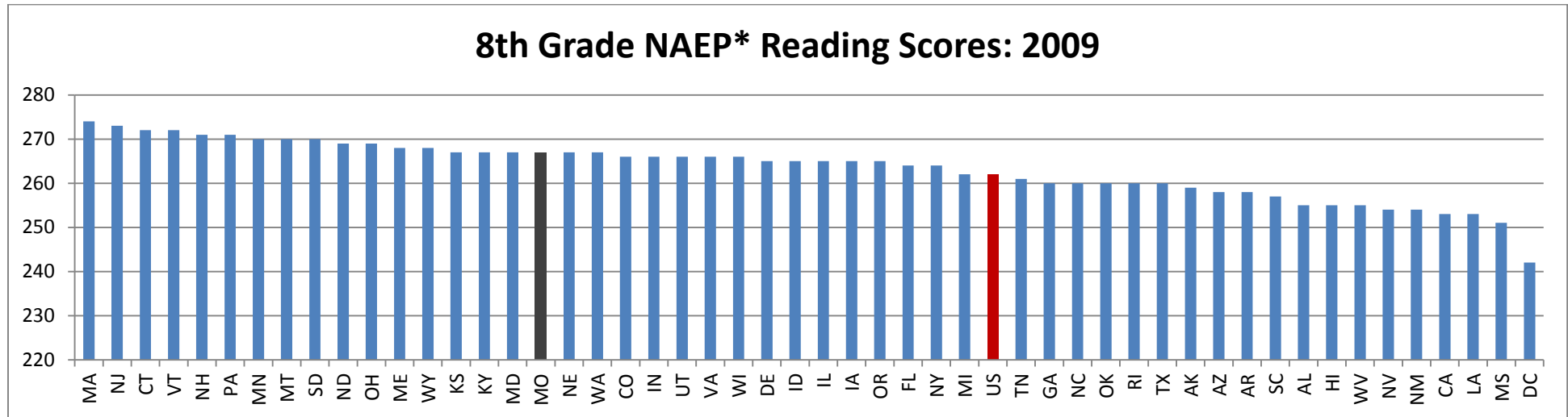
Rank	State	Score
20	Wyoming	242
20	Washington	242
20	South Dakota	242
20	Florida	242
24	Idaho	241
<b>24</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>241</b>
24	New York	241
27	Utah	240
27	Texas	240
29	Delaware	239
29	Kentucky	239
29	Nebraska	239
29	Rhode Island	239
	<b>United States</b>	<b>239</b>
33	Arkansas	238
33	Illinois	238
33	Oregon	238
36	Alaska	237
36	Oklahoma	237

Rank	State	Score
38	Michigan	236
38	Hawaii	236
38	South Carolina	236
38	Georgia	236
42	Nevada	235
43	West Virginia	233
44	California	232
44	Tennessee	232
46	New Mexico	230
46	Arizona	230
48	Louisiana	229
49	Alabama	228
50	Mississippi	227
51	District of Columbia	219

Year	MO Rank	Score
2007	28	239
2009	24	241

Source: nationsreportcard.gov \*NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress

### 8th Grade NAEP\* Reading Scores: 2009



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	274
2	New Jersey	273
3	Vermont	272
3	Connecticut	272
5	New Hampshire	271
5	Pennsylvania	271
7	Montana	270
7	Minnesota	270
7	South Dakota	270
10	North Dakota	269
10	Ohio	269
12	Maine	268
12	Wyoming	268
14	Kansas	267
14	Kentucky	267
14	Maryland	267
<b>14</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>267</b>
14	Nebraska	267
14	Washington	267

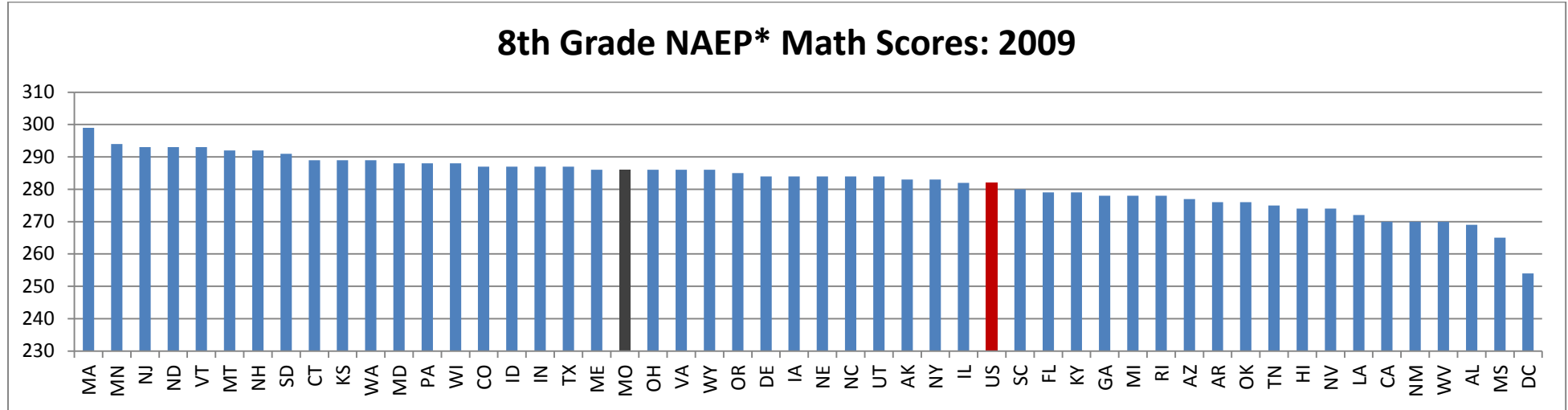
Rank	State	Score
20	Virginia	266
20	Colorado	266
20	Indiana	266
20	Wisconsin	266
20	Utah	266
25	Delaware	265
25	Idaho	265
25	Iowa	265
25	Illinois	265
25	Oregon	265
30	Florida	264
30	New York	264
32	Michigan	262
	<b>United States</b>	<b>262</b>
33	Tennessee	261
34	Rhode Island	260
34	Texas	260
34	North Carolina	260
34	Georgia	260

Rank	State	Score
34	Oklahoma	260
39	Alaska	259
40	Arkansas	258
40	Arizona	258
42	South Carolina	257
43	Alabama	255
43	West Virginia	255
43	Hawaii	255
46	Nevada	254
46	New Mexico	254
48	California	253
48	Louisiana	253
50	Mississippi	251
51	District of Columbia	242

Year	MO Rank	Score
2007	27	263
2009	14	267

Source: nationsreportcard.gov \*NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress

### 8th Grade NAEP\* Math Scores: 2009



Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	299
2	Minnesota	294
3	Vermont	293
3	New Jersey	293
3	North Dakota	293
6	New Hampshire	292
6	Montana	292
8	South Dakota	291
9	Kansas	289
9	Connecticut	289
9	Washington	289
12	Wisconsin	288
12	Maryland	288
12	Pennsylvania	288
15	Colorado	287
15	Indiana	287
15	Idaho	287
15	Texas	287
19	Maine	286

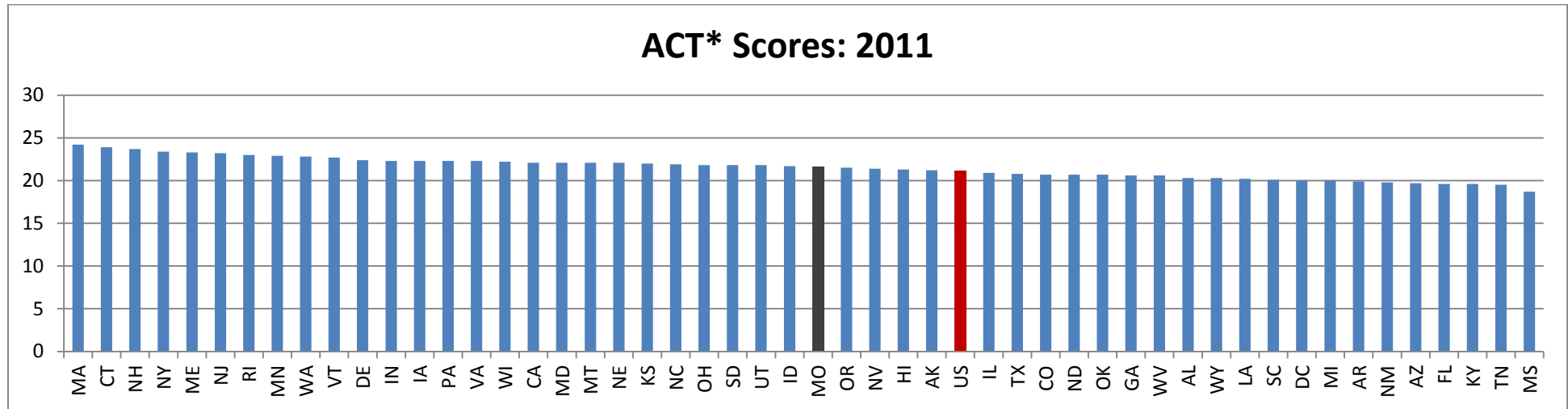
Rank	State	Score
19	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>286</b>
19	Ohio	286
19	Virginia	286
19	Wyoming	286
24	Oregon	285
25	North Carolina	284
25	Iowa	284
25	Utah	284
25	Delaware	284
25	Nebraska	284
30	New York	283
30	Alaska	283
32	Illinois	282
	<b>United States</b>	<b>282</b>
33	South Carolina	280
34	Florida	279
34	Kentucky	279
36	Rhode Island	278
36	Michigan	278

Rank	State	Score
36	Georgia	278
39	Arizona	277
40	Arkansas	276
40	Oklahoma	276
42	Tennessee	275
43	Hawaii	274
43	Nevada	274
45	Louisiana	272
46	West Virginia	270
46	California	270
46	New Mexico	270
49	Alabama	269
50	Mississippi	265
51	District of Columbia	254

Year	MO Rank	Score
2007	30	281
2009	19	286

Source: nationsreportcard.gov \*NAEP = National Assessment of Educational Progress





Rank	State	Score
1	Massachusetts	24.2
2	Connecticut	23.9
3	New Hampshire	23.7
4	New York	23.4
5	Maine	23.3
6	New Jersey	23.2
7	Rhode Island	23
8	Minnesota	22.9
9	Washington	22.8
10	Vermont	22.7
11	Delaware	22.4
12	Indiana	22.3
12	Iowa	22.3
12	Pennsylvania	22.3
12	Virginia	22.3
16	Wisconsin	22.2
17	California	22.1
17	Maryland	22.1
17	Montana	22.1

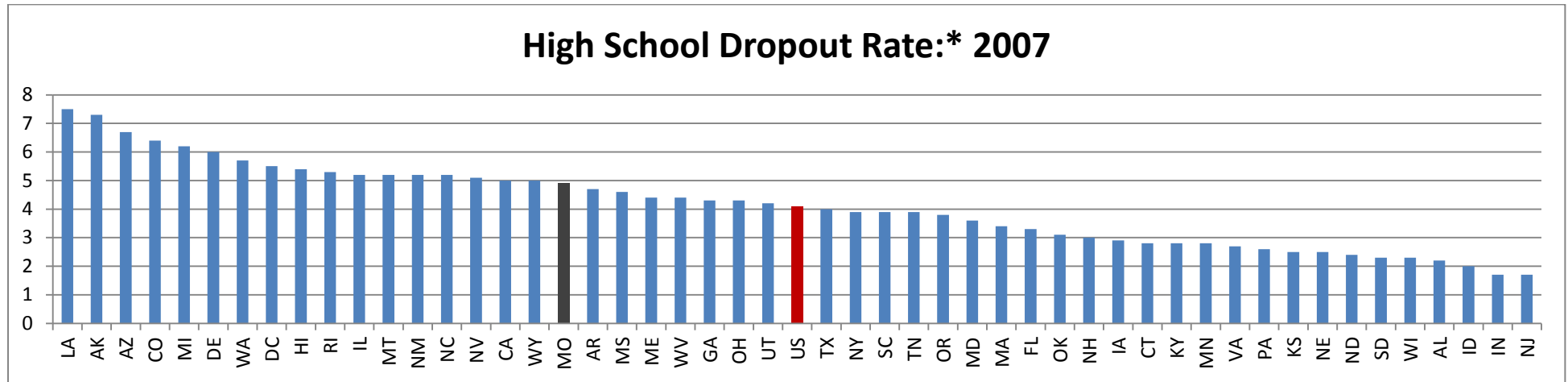
Rank	State	Score
17	Nebraska	22.1
21	Kansas	22
22	North Carolina	21.9
23	Ohio	21.8
23	South Dakota	21.8
23	Utah	21.8
25	Idaho	21.7
26	Missouri	21.6
27	Oregon	21.5
28	Nevada	21.4
29	Hawaii	21.3
30	Alaska	21.2
	<b>United States</b>	<b>21.1</b>
32	Illinois	20.9
33	Texas	20.8
34	Colorado	20.7
34	North Dakota	20.7
34	Oklahoma	20.7
37	Georgia	20.6

Rank	State	Score
37	West Virginia	20.6
39	Alabama	20.3
39	Wyoming	20.3
41	Louisiana	20.2
42	South Carolina	20.1
43	District of Columbia	20
43	Michigan	20
45	Arkansas	19.9
46	New Mexico	19.8
47	Arizona	19.7
48	Florida	19.6
48	Kentucky	19.6
50	Tennessee	19.5
51	Mississippi	18.7

Year	MO Rank	Score
2009	26	21.6
2010	27	21.6
2011	26	21.6

Source: act.org \*The ACT (American College Testing program) is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests.

### High School Dropout Rate:\* 2007



Rank	State	Rate
1	Louisiana	7.5
2	Alaska	7.3
3	Arizona	6.7
4	Colorado	6.4
5	Michigan	6.2
6	Delaware	6.0
7	Washington	5.7
8	District of Columbia	5.5
9	Hawaii	5.4
10	Rhode Island	5.3
11	Illinois	5.2
11	Montana	5.2
11	New Mexico	5.2
11	North Carolina	5.2
15	Nevada	5.1
16	California	5.0
16	Wyoming	5.0
18	Missouri	4.9
19	Arkansas	4.7

Rank	State	Rate
20	Mississippi	4.6
21	Maine	4.4
21	West Virginia	4.4
23	Georgia	4.3
23	Ohio	4.3
25	Utah	4.2
	<b>United States</b>	<b>4.1</b>
26	Texas	4.0
27	New York	3.9
27	South Carolina	3.9
27	Tennessee	3.9
30	Oregon	3.8
31	Maryland	3.6
32	Massachusetts	3.4
33	Florida	3.3
34	Oklahoma	3.1
35	New Hampshire	3.0
36	Iowa	2.9
37	Connecticut	2.8

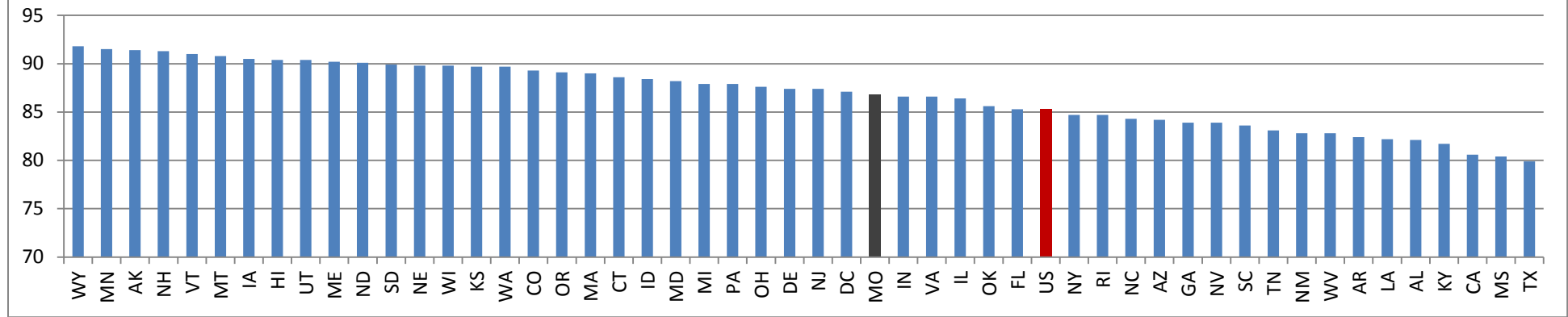
Rank	State	Rate
37	Kentucky	2.8
37	Minnesota	2.8
40	Virginia	2.7
41	Pennsylvania	2.6
42	Kansas	2.5
42	Nebraska	2.5
44	North Dakota	2.4
45	South Dakota	2.3
45	Wisconsin	2.3
47	Alabama	2.2
48	Idaho	2.0
49	Indiana	1.7
49	New Jersey	1.7
	Vermont	---

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2006	31	3.7
2007	18	4.9

Source: nces.ed.gov \*High school dropout rates measure the percentage of public school students in grades 9 through 12 who dropped out of school between one October and the next. \*\* Data not available.

# Education – Higher

### Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - High School Graduate or Higher: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	Wyoming	91.8
2	Minnesota	91.5
3	Alaska	91.4
4	New Hampshire	91.3
5	Vermont	91.0
6	Montana	90.8
7	Iowa	90.5
8	Hawaii	90.4
8	Utah	90.4
10	Maine	90.2
11	North Dakota	90.1
12	South Dakota	89.9
13	Nebraska	89.8
13	Wisconsin	89.8
15	Kansas	89.7
15	Washington	89.7
17	Colorado	89.3
18	Oregon	89.1
19	Massachusetts	89.0

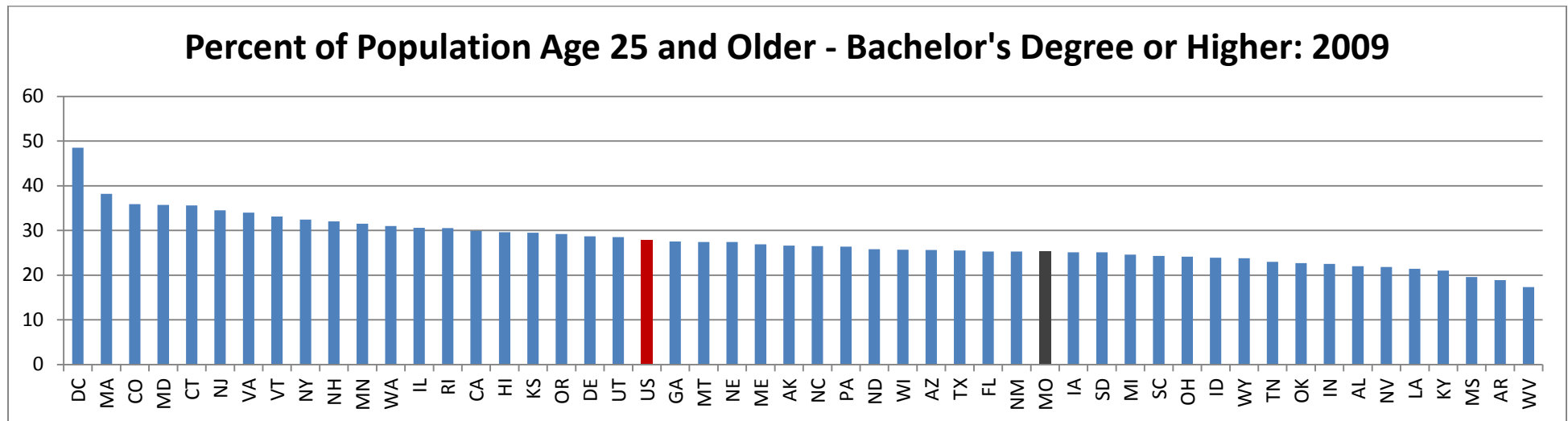
Rank	State	Percent
20	Connecticut	88.6
21	Idaho	88.4
22	Maryland	88.2
23	Michigan	87.9
23	Pennsylvania	87.9
25	Ohio	87.6
26	Delaware	87.4
26	New Jersey	87.4
28	District of Columbia	87.1
<b>29</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>86.8</b>
30	Indiana	86.6
30	Virginia	86.6
32	Illinois	86.4
33	Oklahoma	85.6
34	Florida	85.3
	<b>United States</b>	<b>85.3</b>
35	New York	84.7
35	Rhode Island	84.7
37	North Carolina	84.3

Rank	State	Percent
38	Arizona	84.2
39	Georgia	83.9
39	Nevada	83.9
41	South Carolina	83.6
42	Tennessee	83.1
43	New Mexico	82.8
43	West Virginia	82.8
45	Arkansas	82.4
46	Louisiana	82.2
47	Alabama	82.1
48	Kentucky	81.7
49	California	80.6
50	Mississippi	80.4
51	Texas	79.9

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	28	86.5
2009	29	86.8

Source: census.gov

### Percent of Population Age 25 and Older - Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 2009



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	48.5
2	Massachusetts	38.2
3	Colorado	35.9
4	Maryland	35.7
5	Connecticut	35.6
6	New Jersey	34.5
7	Virginia	34.0
8	Vermont	33.1
9	New York	32.4
10	New Hampshire	32.0
11	Minnesota	31.5
12	Washington	31.0
13	Illinois	30.6
14	Rhode Island	30.5
15	California	29.9
16	Hawaii	29.6
17	Kansas	29.5
18	Oregon	29.2
19	Delaware	28.7

Rank	State	Percent
20	Utah	28.5
	<b>United States</b>	<b>27.9</b>
21	Georgia	27.5
22	Montana	27.4
22	Nebraska	27.4
24	Maine	26.9
25	Alaska	26.6
26	North Carolina	26.5
27	Pennsylvania	26.4
28	North Dakota	25.8
29	Wisconsin	25.7
30	Arizona	25.6
31	Texas	25.5
32	Florida	25.3
32	New Mexico	25.3
<b>34</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>25.2</b>
35	Iowa	25.1
35	South Dakota	25.1
37	Michigan	24.6

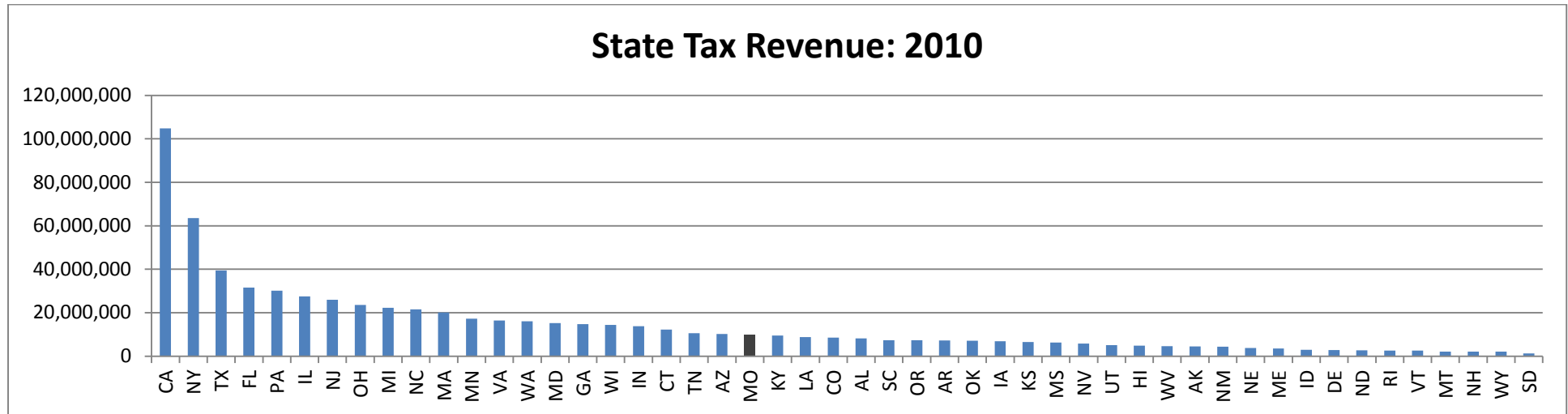
Rank	State	Percent
38	South Carolina	24.3
39	Ohio	24.1
40	Idaho	23.9
41	Wyoming	23.8
42	Tennessee	23.0
43	Oklahoma	22.7
44	Indiana	22.5
45	Alabama	22.0
46	Nevada	21.8
47	Louisiana	21.4
48	Kentucky	21.0
49	Mississippi	19.6
50	Arkansas	18.9
51	West Virginia	17.3

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	34	25.0
2009	34	25.2

Source: census.gov

# Government Finance

### State Tax Revenue: 2010



Rank	State	Revenue
1	California	104,840,520
2	New York	63,529,354
3	Texas	39,399,251
4	Florida	31,498,998
5	Pennsylvania	30,169,122
6	Illinois	27,511,933
7	New Jersey	25,927,891
8	Ohio	23,583,596
9	Michigan	22,205,870
10	North Carolina	21,517,254
11	Massachusetts	20,050,292
12	Minnesota	17,208,877
13	Virginia	16,411,055
14	Washington	16,106,154
15	Maryland	15,223,923
16	Georgia	14,782,779
17	Wisconsin	14,368,569
18	Indiana	13,796,427
19	Connecticut	12,285,994

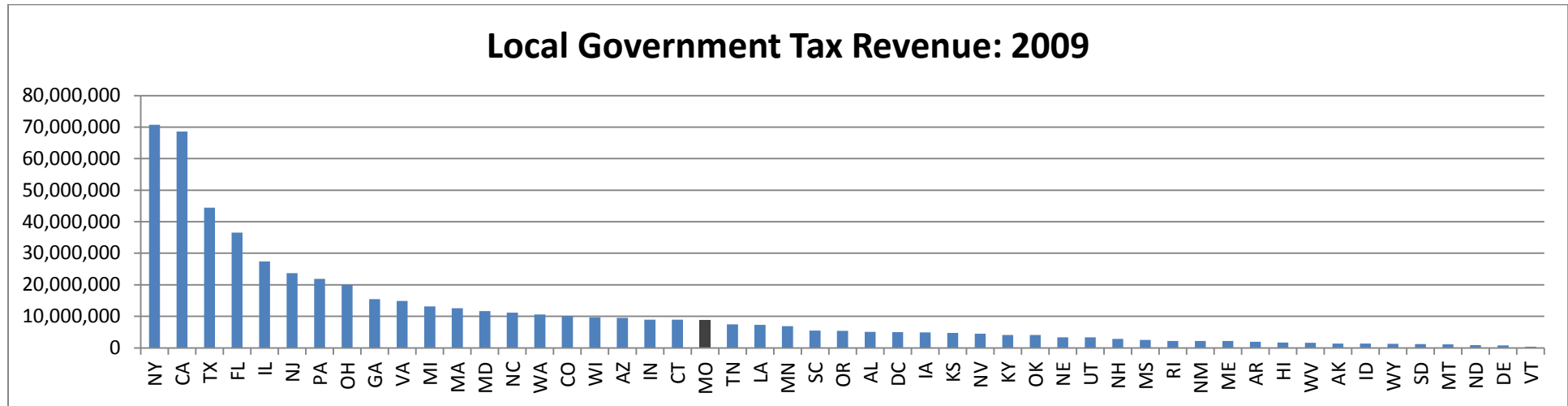
Rank	State	Revenue
20	Tennessee	10,513,788
21	Arizona	10,199,338
<b>22</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>9,708,463</b>
23	Kentucky	9,531,108
24	Louisiana	8,757,557
25	Colorado	8,586,401
26	Alabama	8,185,563
27	South Carolina	7,312,534
28	Oregon	7,289,362
29	Arkansas	7,279,215
30	Oklahoma	7,079,985
31	Iowa	6,809,344
32	Kansas	6,492,996
33	Mississippi	6,268,804
34	Nevada	5,835,963
35	Utah	5,092,415
36	Hawaii	4,837,862
37	West Virginia	4,655,034
38	Alaska	4,517,927

Rank	State	Revenue
39	New Mexico	4,413,988
40	Nebraska	3,809,266
41	Maine	3,489,953
42	Idaho	2,951,703
43	Delaware	2,769,731
44	North Dakota	2,645,695
45	Rhode Island	2,568,851
46	Vermont	2,511,387
47	Montana	2,142,809
48	New Hampshire	2,124,984
49	Wyoming	2,117,100
50	South Dakota	1,304,487
	<b>United States</b>	<b>702,221,472</b>

Year	MO Rank	Revenue
2008	23	10,919,336
2009	22	10,302,235
2010	22	9,708,463

Source: census.gov

### Local Government Tax Revenue: 2009



Rank	State	Revenue
1	New York	70,738,463
2	California	68,586,525
3	Texas	44,452,703
4	Florida	36,539,887
5	Illinois	27,408,061
6	New Jersey	23,733,369
7	Pennsylvania	21,847,088
8	Ohio	19,998,944
9	Georgia	15,431,659
10	Virginia	14,856,816
11	Michigan	13,156,037
12	Massachusetts	12,571,147
13	Maryland	11,691,779
14	North Carolina	11,132,151
15	Washington	10,573,213
16	Colorado	10,065,640
17	Wisconsin	9,677,745
18	Arizona	9,511,008
19	Indiana	8,974,782

Rank	State	Revenue
20	Connecticut	8,932,303
<b>21</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>8,917,203</b>
22	Tennessee	7,453,710
23	Louisiana	7,275,786
24	Minnesota	6,862,637
25	South Carolina	5,450,384
26	Oregon	5,358,571
27	Alabama	5,042,775
28	District of Columbia	5,013,075
29	Iowa	4,907,248
30	Kansas	4,776,443
31	Nevada	4,521,169
32	Kentucky	4,118,613
33	Oklahoma	4,048,853
34	Nebraska	3,351,063
35	Utah	3,306,118
36	New Hampshire	2,861,922
37	Mississippi	2,528,938
38	Rhode Island	2,179,562

Rank	State	Revenue
39	New Mexico	2,169,630
40	Maine	2,162,475
41	Arkansas	1,957,749
42	Hawaii	1,676,801
43	West Virginia	1,619,160
44	Alaska	1,402,908
45	Idaho	1,348,884
46	Wyoming	1,281,154
47	South Dakota	1,220,972
48	Montana	1,080,445
49	North Dakota	899,550
50	Delaware	788,040
51	Vermont	398,617
	<b>United States</b>	<b>555,859,773</b>

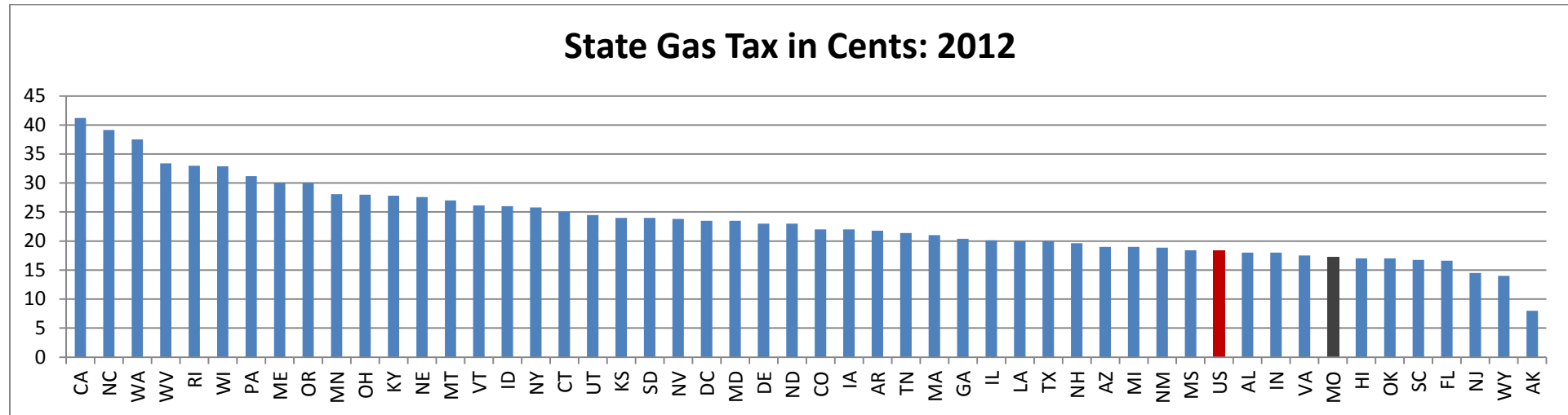
Year	MO Rank	Revenue
2007	19	8,411,123
2008	19	8,773,422
2009	21	8,917,203

Source: census.gov



# Transportation

### State Gas Tax in Cents: 2012



Rank	State	Tax
1	California	41.20
2	North Carolina	39.15
3	Washington	37.50
4	West Virginia	33.40
5	Rhode Island	33.00
6	Wisconsin	32.90
7	Pennsylvania	31.20
8	Maine	30.00
8	Oregon	30.00
10	Minnesota	28.10
11	Ohio	28.00
12	Kentucky	27.80
13	Nebraska	27.60
14	Montana	27.00
15	Vermont	26.13
16	Idaho	26.00
17	New York	25.80
18	Connecticut	25.00
19	Utah	24.50

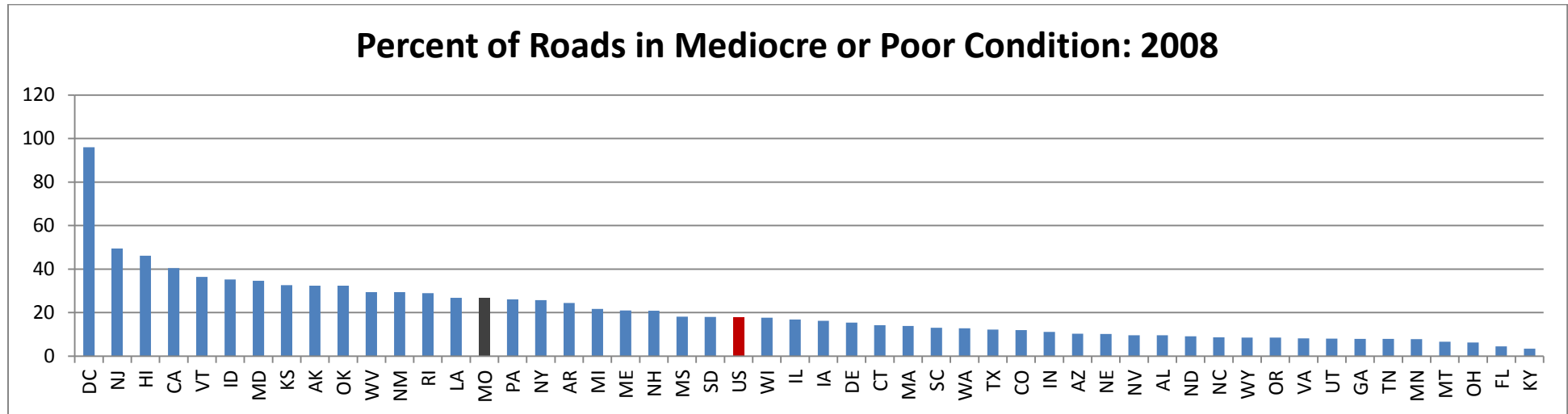
Rank	State	Tax
20	Kansas	24.00
20	South Dakota	24.00
22	Nevada	23.81
23	District of Columbia	23.50
23	Maryland	23.50
25	Delaware	23.00
25	North Dakota	23.00
27	Colorado	22.00
27	Iowa	22.00
29	Arkansas	21.80
30	Tennessee	21.40
31	Massachusetts	21.00
32	Georgia	20.40
33	Illinois	20.10
34	Louisiana	20.00
34	Texas	20.00
36	New Hampshire	19.63
37	Arizona	19.00
37	Michigan	19.00

Rank	State	Tax
39	New Mexico	18.88
40	Mississippi	18.40
	<b>United States</b>	<b>18.40</b>
41	Alabama	18.00
41	Indiana	18.00
43	Virginia	17.50
<b>44</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>17.30</b>
45	Hawaii	17.00
45	Oklahoma	17.00
47	South Carolina	16.75
48	Florida	16.60
49	New Jersey	14.50
50	Wyoming	14.00
51	Alaska	8.00

Year	MO Rank	Gas Tax
2008	43	17.55
2011	44	17.30
2012	44	17.30

Source: taxadmin.org

### Percent of Roads in Mediocre or Poor Condition: 2008



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	96.03
2	New Jersey	49.46
3	Hawaii	46.08
4	California	40.48
5	Vermont	36.33
6	Idaho	35.17
7	Maryland	34.59
8	Kansas	32.64
9	Alaska	32.41
10	Oklahoma	32.35
11	West Virginia	29.43
12	New Mexico	29.35
13	Rhode Island	28.89
14	Louisiana	26.78
15	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>26.60</b>
16	Pennsylvania	26.07
17	New York	25.65
18	Arkansas	24.44
19	Michigan	21.65

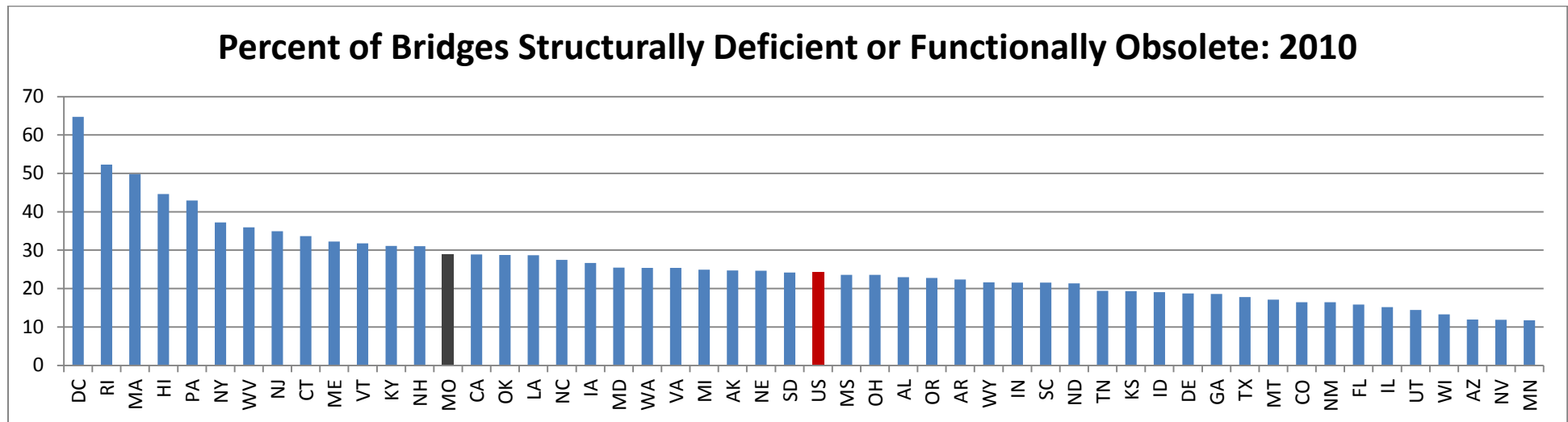
Rank	State	Percent
20	Maine	20.90
21	New Hampshire	20.81
22	Mississippi	18.09
23	South Dakota	17.93
	<b>United States</b>	<b>17.89</b>
24	Wisconsin	17.67
25	Illinois	16.84
26	Iowa	16.21
27	Delaware	15.40
28	Connecticut	14.23
29	Massachusetts	13.82
30	South Carolina	12.99
31	Washington	12.79
32	Texas	12.22
33	Colorado	11.93
34	Indiana	11.09
35	Arizona	10.25
36	Nebraska	10.17
37	Nevada	9.55

Rank	State	Percent
38	Alabama	9.52
39	North Dakota	9.09
40	North Carolina	8.63
41	Wyoming	8.51
42	Oregon	8.49
43	Virginia	8.19
44	Utah	8.02
45	Georgia	7.91
46	Tennessee	7.87
47	Minnesota	7.83
48	Montana	6.59
49	Ohio	6.27
50	Florida	4.47
51	Kentucky	3.42

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2007	16	24.49
2008	15	26.60

Source: bts.gov

### Percent of Bridges Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete: 2010



Rank	State	Percent
1	District of Columbia	64.75
2	Rhode Island	52.31
3	Massachusetts	49.83
4	Hawaii	44.59
5	Pennsylvania	42.97
6	New York	37.24
7	West Virginia	35.97
8	New Jersey	34.97
9	Connecticut	33.67
10	Maine	32.22
11	Vermont	31.75
12	Kentucky	31.13
13	New Hampshire	31.01
<b>14</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>28.96</b>
15	California	28.87
16	Oklahoma	28.75
17	Louisiana	28.66
18	North Carolina	27.49
19	Iowa	26.68

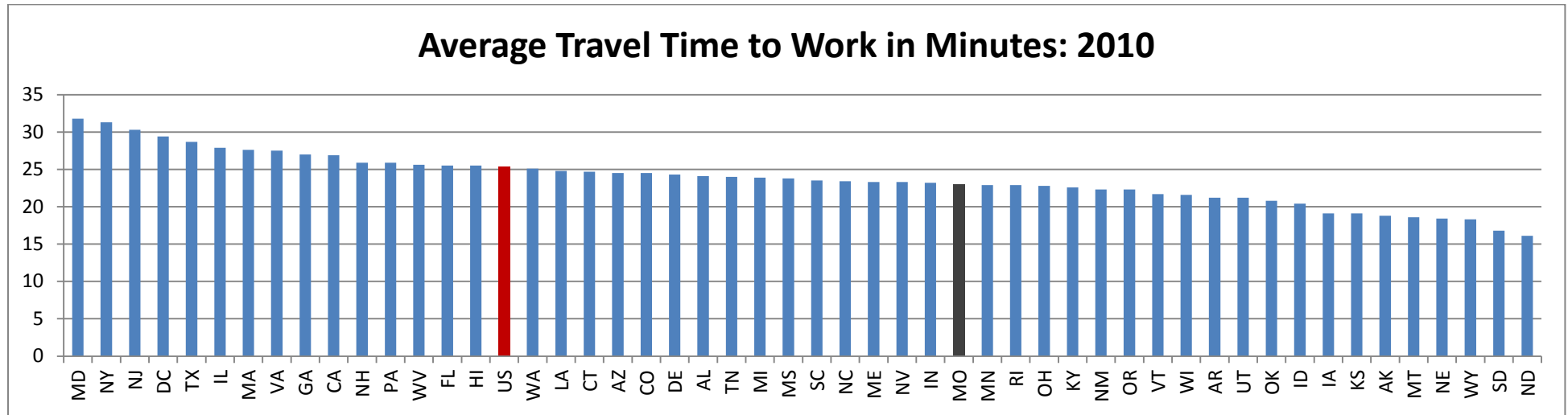
Rank	State	Percent
20	Maryland	25.45
21	Washington	25.42
22	Virginia	25.36
23	Michigan	24.95
24	Alaska	24.69
25	Nebraska	24.67
26	South Dakota	24.19
	<b>United States</b>	<b>24.16</b>
27	Mississippi	23.55
28	Ohio	23.54
29	Alabama	22.95
30	Oregon	22.74
31	Arkansas	22.36
32	Wyoming	21.60
33	Indiana	21.58
34	South Carolina	21.56
35	North Dakota	21.34
36	Tennessee	19.38
37	Kansas	19.34

Rank	State	Percent
38	Idaho	19.05
39	Delaware	18.70
40	Georgia	18.60
41	Texas	17.76
42	Montana	17.13
43	New Mexico	16.45
43	Colorado	16.45
45	Florida	15.81
46	Illinois	15.20
47	Utah	14.43
48	Wisconsin	13.31
49	Arizona	11.91
50	Nevada	11.87
51	Minnesota	11.73

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	15	30.56
2009	14	30.24
2010	14	28.96

Source: bts.gov

### Average Travel Time to Work in Minutes: 2010



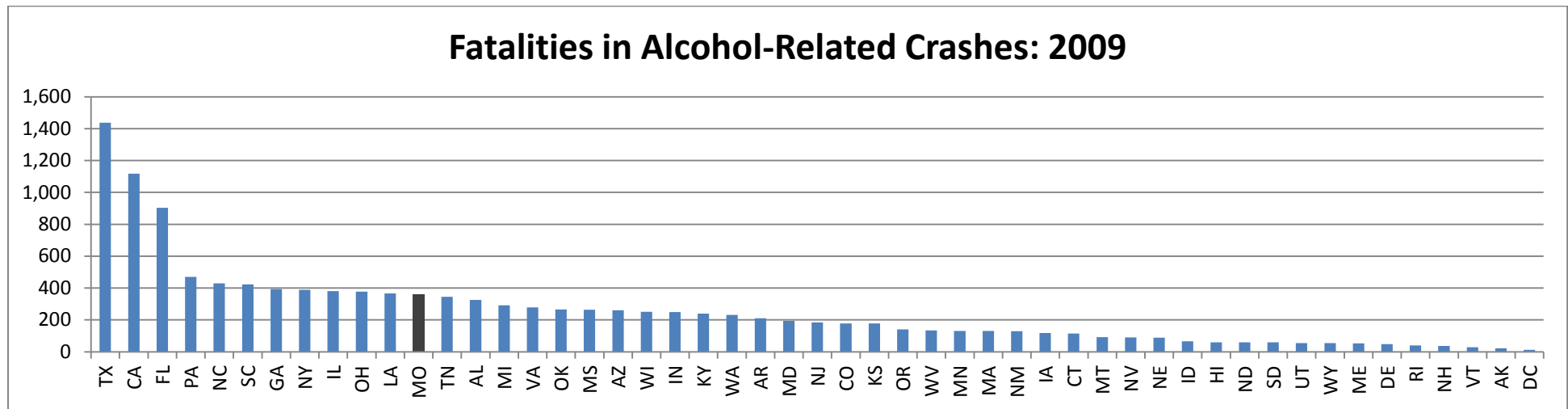
Rank	State	Minutes
1	Maryland	31.8
2	New York	31.3
3	New Jersey	30.3
4	District of Columbia	29.4
5	Texas	28.7
6	Illinois	27.9
7	Massachusetts	27.6
8	Virginia	27.5
9	Georgia	27.0
10	California	26.9
11	New Hampshire	25.9
11	Pennsylvania	25.9
13	West Virginia	25.6
14	Florida	25.5
14	Hawaii	25.5
	<b>United States</b>	<b>25.3</b>
16	Washington	25.1
17	Louisiana	24.8
18	Connecticut	24.7

Rank	State	Minutes
19	Arizona	24.5
19	Colorado	24.5
21	Delaware	24.3
22	Alabama	24.1
23	Tennessee	24.0
24	Michigan	23.9
25	Mississippi	23.8
26	South Carolina	23.5
27	North Carolina	23.4
28	Maine	23.3
28	Nevada	23.3
30	Indiana	23.2
<b>31</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>23.0</b>
32	Minnesota	22.9
32	Rhode Island	22.9
34	Ohio	22.8
35	Kentucky	22.6
36	New Mexico	22.3
36	Oregon	22.3

Rank	State	Minutes
38	Vermont	21.7
39	Wisconsin	21.6
40	Arkansas	21.2
40	Utah	21.2
42	Oklahoma	20.8
43	Idaho	20.4
44	Iowa	19.1
44	Kansas	19.1
46	Alaska	18.8
47	Montana	18.6
48	Nebraska	18.4
49	Wyoming	18.3
50	South Dakota	16.8
51	North Dakota	16.1

Year	MO Rank	Minutes
2008	27	23.8
2009	26	23.2
2010	31	23.0

Source: census.gov



Rank	State	Fatalities
1	Texas	1,437
2	California	1,118
3	Florida	904
4	Pennsylvania	470
5	North Carolina	430
6	South Carolina	423
7	Georgia	394
8	New York	388
9	Illinois	381
10	Ohio	378
11	Louisiana	366
<b>12</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>358</b>
13	Tennessee	345
14	Alabama	325
15	Michigan	291
16	Virginia	278
17	Oklahoma	265
18	Mississippi	264
19	Arizona	260

Rank	State	Fatalities
20	Wisconsin	251
21	Indiana	249
22	Kentucky	239
23	Washington	232
24	Arkansas	211
25	Maryland	194
26	New Jersey	185
27	Colorado	178
28	Kansas	177
29	Oregon	141
30	West Virginia	134
31	Minnesota	131
32	Massachusetts	130
33	New Mexico	129
34	Iowa	118
35	Connecticut	114
36	Montana	92
37	Nevada	90
38	Nebraska	88

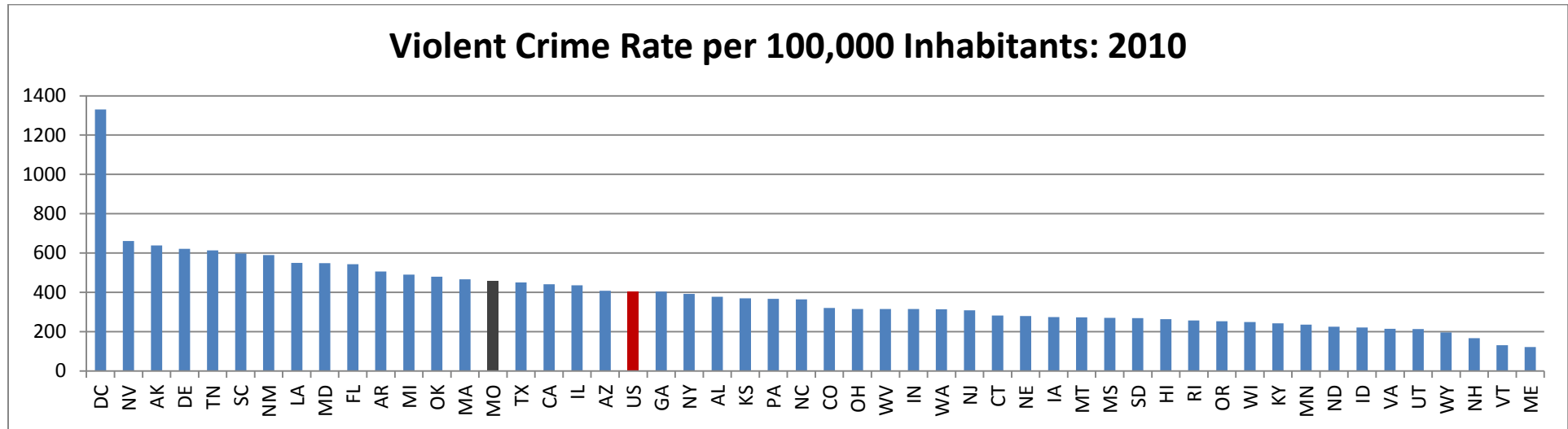
Rank	State	Fatalities
39	Idaho	65
40	Hawaii	59
40	North Dakota	59
40	South Dakota	59
43	Utah	54
43	Wyoming	54
45	Maine	53
46	Delaware	48
47	Rhode Island	40
48	New Hampshire	36
49	Vermont	28
50	Alaska	22
51	District of Columbia	12
	<b>United States</b>	<b>12,744</b>

Year	MO Rank	Fatalities
2007	16	392
2008	15	364
2009	12	358

Source: Morgan, K. O., & Morgan, S. 2009; 2010; 2011

# Crime and Punishment

### Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants: 2010



Rank	State	Rate
1	District of Columbia	1330.2
2	Nevada	660.6
3	Alaska	638.8
4	Delaware	620.9
5	Tennessee	613.3
6	South Carolina	597.7
7	New Mexico	588.9
8	Louisiana	549.0
9	Maryland	547.7
10	Florida	542.4
11	Arkansas	505.3
12	Michigan	490.3
13	Oklahoma	479.5
14	Massachusetts	466.6
15	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>455.0</b>
16	Texas	450.3
17	California	440.6
18	Illinois	435.2
19	Arizona	408.1

Rank	State	Rate
	<b>United States</b>	<b>403.6</b>
20	Georgia	403.3
21	New York	392.1
22	Alabama	377.8
23	Kansas	369.1
24	Pennsylvania	366.2
25	North Carolina	363.4
26	Colorado	320.8
27	Ohio	315.2
28	West Virginia	314.6
29	Indiana	314.5
30	Washington	313.8
31	New Jersey	307.7
32	Connecticut	281.4
33	Nebraska	279.5
34	Iowa	273.5
35	Montana	272.2
36	Mississippi	269.7
37	South Dakota	268.5

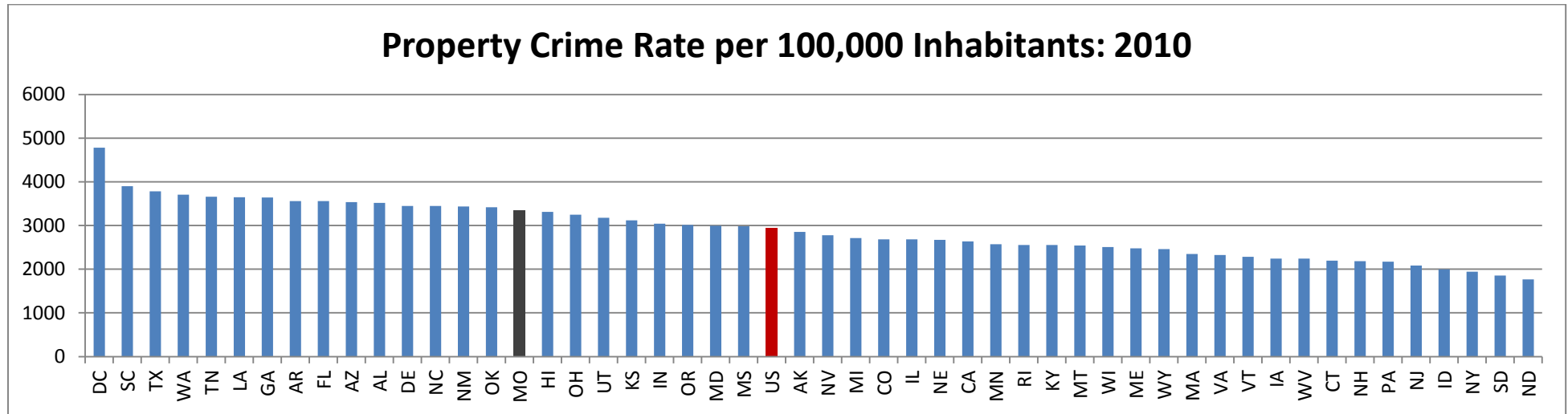
Rank	State	Rate
38	Hawaii	262.7
39	Rhode Island	256.6
40	Oregon	252.0
41	Wisconsin	248.7
42	Kentucky	242.6
43	Minnesota	236.0
44	North Dakota	225.0
45	Idaho	221.0
46	Virginia	213.6
47	Utah	212.7
48	Wyoming	195.9
49	New Hampshire	167.0
50	Vermont	130.2
51	Maine	122.0

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2008	14	504.4
2009	15	491.8
2010	15	455.0

Source: fbi.gov



### Property Crime Rate per 100,000 Inhabitants: 2010



Rank	State	Rate
1	District of Columbia	4778.9
2	South Carolina	3900.4
3	Texas	3783
4	Washington	3706.6
5	Tennessee	3657.9
6	Louisiana	3647.5
7	Georgia	3640.5
8	Arkansas	3558.9
9	Florida	3558.4
10	Arizona	3534
11	Alabama	3516.8
12	Delaware	3448.2
13	North Carolina	3447.3
14	New Mexico	3435.4
15	Oklahoma	3415.5
16	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>3346.4</b>
17	Hawaii	3314.2
18	Ohio	3245.2
19	Utah	3179.6

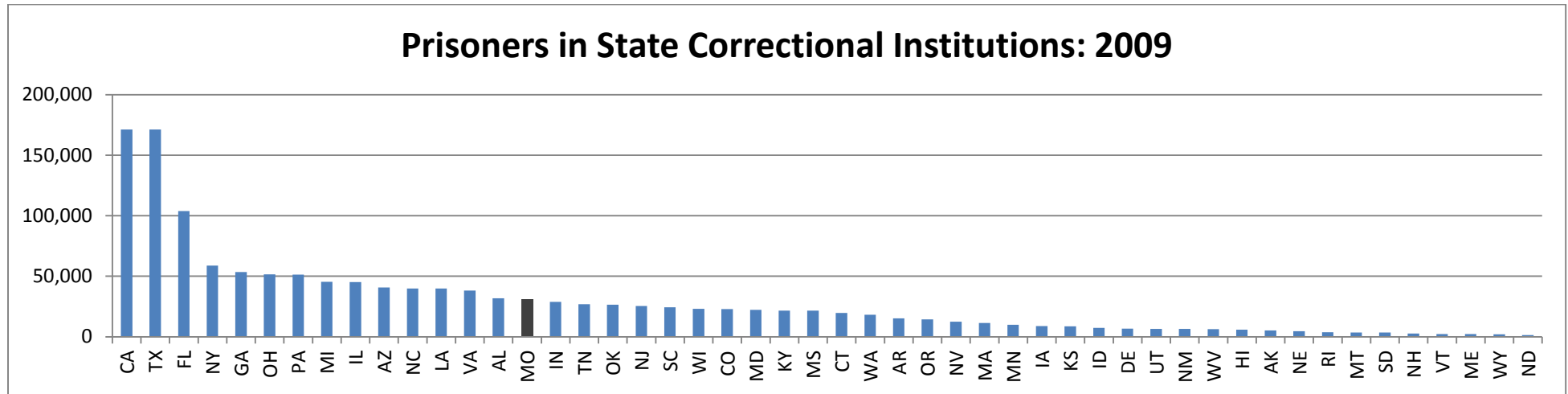
Rank	State	Rate
20	Kansas	3119.9
21	Indiana	3042.4
22	Oregon	3012.9
23	Maryland	2997.3
24	Mississippi	2985
	<b>United States</b>	<b>2941.9</b>
25	Alaska	2852.5
26	Nevada	2774.7
27	Michigan	2713.6
28	Colorado	2684.2
29	Illinois	2681
30	Nebraska	2673.2
31	California	2635.8
32	Minnesota	2572.3
33	Rhode Island	2556.6
34	Kentucky	2551.3
35	Montana	2543.8
36	Wisconsin	2507.7
37	Maine	2479.3

Rank	State	Rate
38	Wyoming	2461.6
39	Massachusetts	2350.5
40	Virginia	2327.2
41	Vermont	2282.3
42	Iowa	2242.5
43	West Virginia	2239.6
44	Connecticut	2193.2
45	New Hampshire	2186.3
46	Pennsylvania	2173
47	New Jersey	2081.9
48	Idaho	1995.8
49	New York	1941.2
50	South Dakota	1852.4
51	North Dakota	1768.5

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2008	14	3663.7
2009	16	3385.3
2010	16	3346.4

Source: fbi.gov

### Prisoners in State Correctional Institutions: 2009



Rank	State	Prisoners
1	California	171,275
2	Texas	171,249
3	Florida	103,915
4	New York	58,687
5	Georgia	53,371
6	Ohio	51,606
7	Pennsylvania	51,429
8	Michigan	45,478
9	Illinois	45,161
10	Arizona	40,627
11	North Carolina	39,860
12	Louisiana	39,780
13	Virginia	38,092
14	Alabama	31,874
<b>15</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>30,563</b>
16	Indiana	28,808
17	Tennessee	26,965
18	Oklahoma	26,397
19	New Jersey	25,382

Rank	State	Prisoners
20	South Carolina	24,288
21	Wisconsin	23,153
22	Colorado	22,795
23	Maryland	22,255
24	Kentucky	21,638
25	Mississippi	21,482
26	Connecticut	19,716
27	Washington	18,233
28	Arkansas	15,208
29	Oregon	14,403
30	Nevada	12,482
31	Massachusetts	11,316
32	Minnesota	9,986
33	Iowa	8,813
34	Kansas	8,641
35	Idaho	7,400
36	Delaware	6,794
37	Utah	6,533
38	New Mexico	6,519

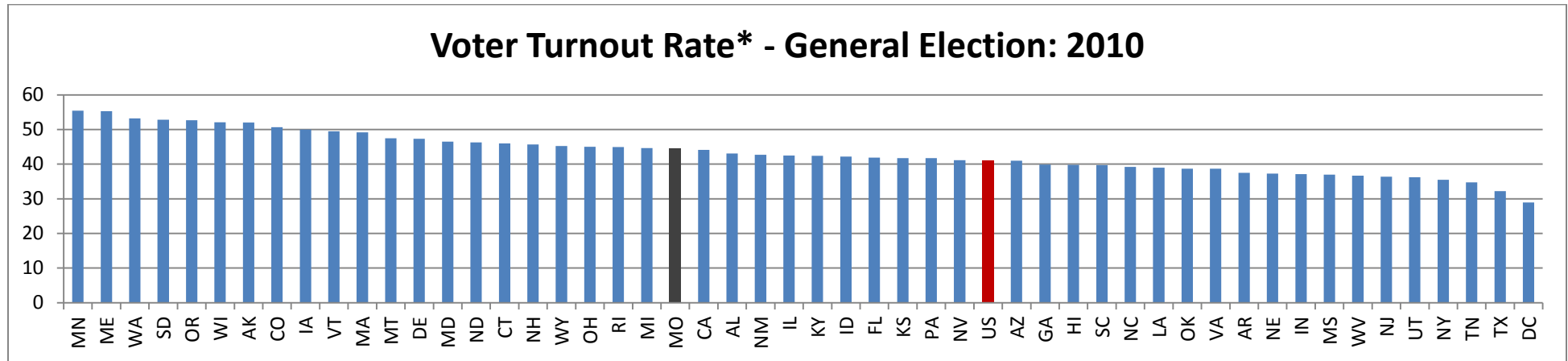
Rank	State	Prisoners
39	West Virginia	6,367
40	Hawaii	5,891
41	Alaska	5,285
42	Nebraska	4,474
43	Rhode Island	3,674
44	Montana	3,605
45	South Dakota	3,434
46	New Hampshire	2,731
47	Vermont	2,220
48	Maine	2,206
49	Wyoming	2,075
50	North Dakota	1,486
	<b>United States</b>	<b>1,405,622</b>

Year	MO Rank	Prisoners
2007	14	29,857
2008	15	30,186
2009	15	30,563

Source: Morgan, K. O., & Morgan, S. 2009; 2010; 2011

# Civic Engagement

### Voter Turnout Rate\* - General Election: 2010



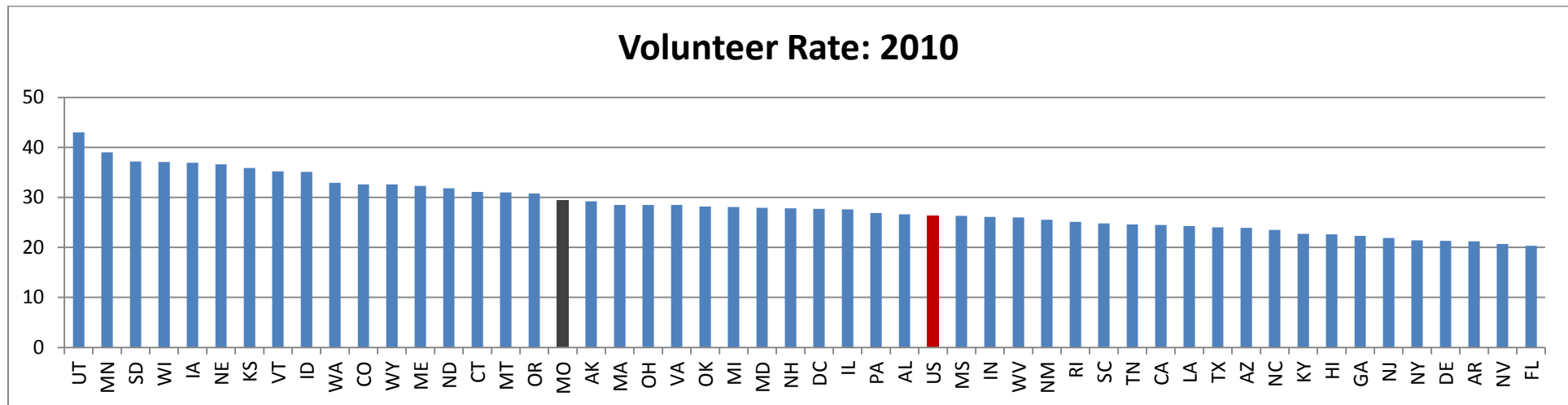
Rank	State	Rate
1	Minnesota	55.4
2	Maine	55.3
3	Washington	53.2
4	South Dakota	52.8
5	Oregon	52.7
6	Wisconsin	52.1
7	Alaska	52.0
8	Colorado	50.7
9	Iowa	50.0
10	Vermont	49.5
11	Massachusetts	49.2
12	Montana	47.5
13	Delaware	47.3
14	Maryland	46.5
15	North Dakota	46.3
16	Connecticut	46.0
17	New Hampshire	45.7
18	Wyoming	45.2
19	Ohio	45.0

Rank	State	Rate
20	Rhode Island	44.9
21	Michigan	44.6
<b>22</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>44.5</b>
23	California	44.1
24	Alabama	43.1
25	New Mexico	42.7
26	Illinois	42.5
27	Kentucky	42.4
28	Idaho	42.2
29	Florida	41.9
30	Kansas	41.7
30	Pennsylvania	41.7
32	Nevada	41.1
	<b>United States</b>	<b>41.1</b>
33	Arizona	41.0
34	Georgia	39.9
35	Hawaii	39.8
36	South Carolina	39.7
37	North Carolina	39.2

Rank	State	Rate
38	Louisiana	39.0
39	Oklahoma	38.7
39	Virginia	38.7
41	Arkansas	37.5
42	Nebraska	37.3
43	Indiana	37.1
44	Mississippi	37.0
45	West Virginia	36.7
46	New Jersey	36.4
47	Utah	36.2
48	New York	35.5
49	Tennessee	34.7
50	Texas	32.2
51	District of Columbia	28.9

Year	MO Rank	Percent
2008	10	67.6
2010	22	44.5

Source: elections.gmu.edu \*Voter Turnout Rate is the vote for highest office divided by the voting-eligible population (VEP). In a midterm election, the vote for highest office is the highest vote tally for Governor, U.S. Senator, or combined House of Representatives. The voting-eligible population is the best estimate of the number of people eligible to vote.



Rank	State	Rate
1	Utah	43
2	Minnesota	39
3	South Dakota	37.2
4	Wisconsin	37.1
5	Iowa	36.9
6	Nebraska	36.6
7	Kansas	35.9
8	Vermont	35.2
9	Idaho	35.1
10	Washington	32.9
11	Colorado	32.6
11	Wyoming	32.6
13	Maine	32.3
14	North Dakota	31.8
15	Connecticut	31.1
16	Montana	31
17	Oregon	30.8
18	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>29.4</b>
19	Alaska	29.2

Rank	State	Rate
20	Massachusetts	28.5
20	Ohio	28.5
20	Virginia	28.5
23	Oklahoma	28.2
24	Michigan	28.1
25	Maryland	27.9
26	New Hampshire	27.8
27	District of Columbia	27.7
28	Illinois	27.6
29	Pennsylvania	26.9
30	Alabama	26.6
	<b>United States</b>	<b>26.3</b>
31	Mississippi	26.3
32	Indiana	26.1
33	West Virginia	26
34	New Mexico	25.5
35	Rhode Island	25.1
36	South Carolina	24.8
37	Tennessee	24.6

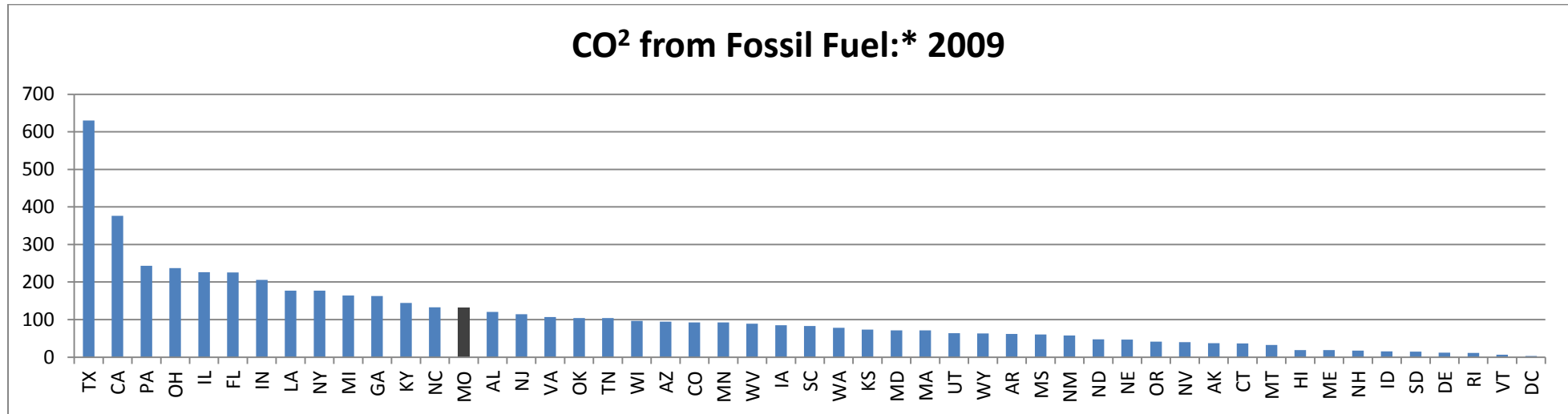
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38	California	24.5
39	Louisiana	24.3
40	Texas	24
41	Arizona	23.9
42	North Carolina	23.5
43	Kentucky	22.7
44	Hawaii	22.6
45	Georgia	22.3
46	New Jersey	21.9
47	New York	21.4
48	Delaware	21.3
49	Arkansas	21.2
50	Nevada	20.7
51	Florida	20.3

Year	MO Rank	Rate
2008	24	28.9
2009	25	28.8
2010	18	29.4

Source: volunteeringinamerica.gov

# Environment

### CO<sup>2</sup> from Fossil Fuel:\* 2009



Rank	State	Million Metric
1	Texas	630.42
2	California	376.62
3	Pennsylvania	243.37
4	Ohio	236.82
5	Illinois	226.37
6	Florida	225.48
7	Indiana	205.50
8	Louisiana	177.20
9	New York	176.80
10	Michigan	164.20
11	Georgia	163.08
12	Kentucky	144.53
13	North Carolina	132.55
<b>14</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>131.06</b>
15	Alabama	120.58
16	New Jersey	114.20
17	Virginia	106.55
18	Oklahoma	104.16
19	Tennessee	104.02

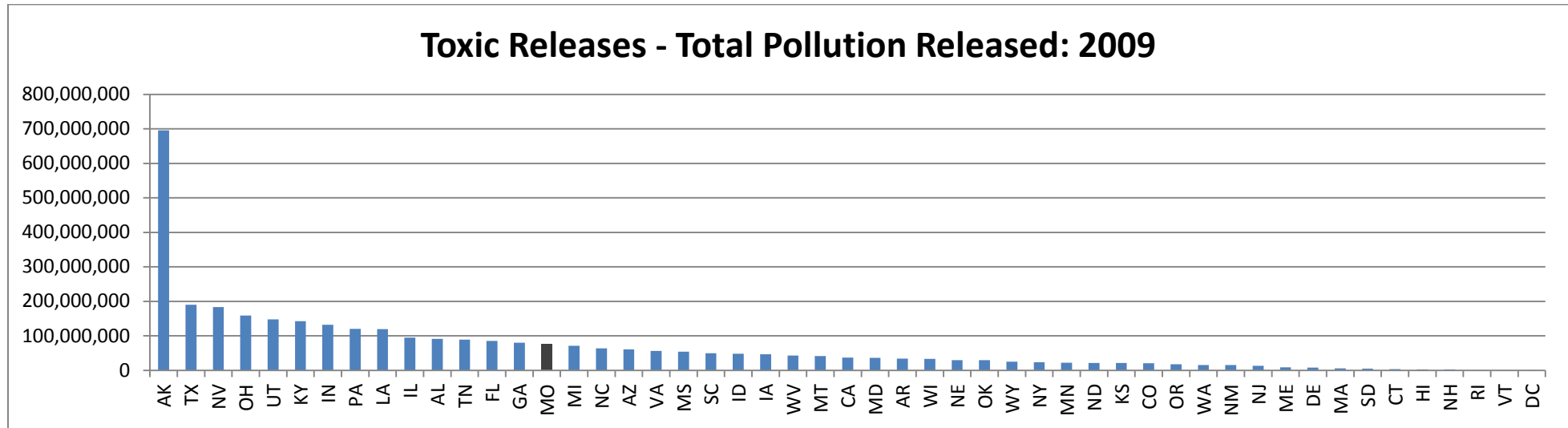
Rank	State	Million Metric
20	Wisconsin	96.32
21	Arizona	94.42
22	Colorado	92.67
23	Minnesota	92.25
24	West Virginia	89.09
25	Iowa	85.12
26	South Carolina	82.72
27	Washington	78.35
28	Kansas	73.11
29	Maryland	71.63
30	Massachusetts	71.27
31	Utah	64.02
32	Wyoming	63.45
33	Arkansas	61.78
34	Mississippi	60.40
35	New Mexico	57.98
36	North Dakota	47.76
37	Nebraska	46.48
38	Oregon	41.27

Rank	State	Million Metric Tons CO <sup>2</sup>
39	Nevada	39.69
40	Alaska	37.41
41	Connecticut	36.70
42	Montana	32.46
43	Hawaii	18.47
44	Maine	18.45
45	New Hampshire	17.22
46	Idaho	15.37
47	South Dakota	14.73
48	Delaware	12.05
49	Rhode Island	11.40
50	Vermont	6.29
51	District of Columbia	3.18

Year	MO Rank	Million Metric Tons CO <sup>2</sup>
2007	15	140.68
2008	15	137.90
2009	14	131.06

Source: epa.gov \*Carbon dioxide, a gas that contributes to global warming.

### Toxic Releases - Total Pollution Released: 2009



Rank	State	Pounds
1	Alaska	695,927,854
2	Texas	189,779,393
3	Nevada	183,371,163
4	Ohio	158,508,558
5	Utah	147,373,378
6	Kentucky	142,607,547
7	Indiana	132,074,361
8	Pennsylvania	120,400,308
9	Louisiana	119,527,406
10	Illinois	95,068,572
11	Alabama	91,075,650
12	Tennessee	89,101,753
13	Florida	84,941,381
14	Georgia	79,824,749
15	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>75,727,384</b>
16	Michigan	70,746,325
17	North Carolina	63,582,646
18	Arizona	60,899,299
19	Virginia	56,035,192

Rank	State	Pounds
20	Mississippi	54,116,796
21	South Carolina	49,401,851
22	Idaho	47,871,236
23	Iowa	46,477,055
24	West Virginia	42,942,705
25	Montana	41,169,093
26	California	36,718,326
27	Maryland	35,759,311
28	Arkansas	34,009,523
29	Wisconsin	32,934,598
30	Nebraska	29,562,754
31	Oklahoma	29,553,945
32	Wyoming	24,960,729
33	New York	23,279,524
34	Minnesota	22,229,740
35	North Dakota	21,204,560
36	Kansas	21,123,404
37	Colorado	20,169,013
38	Oregon	17,263,571

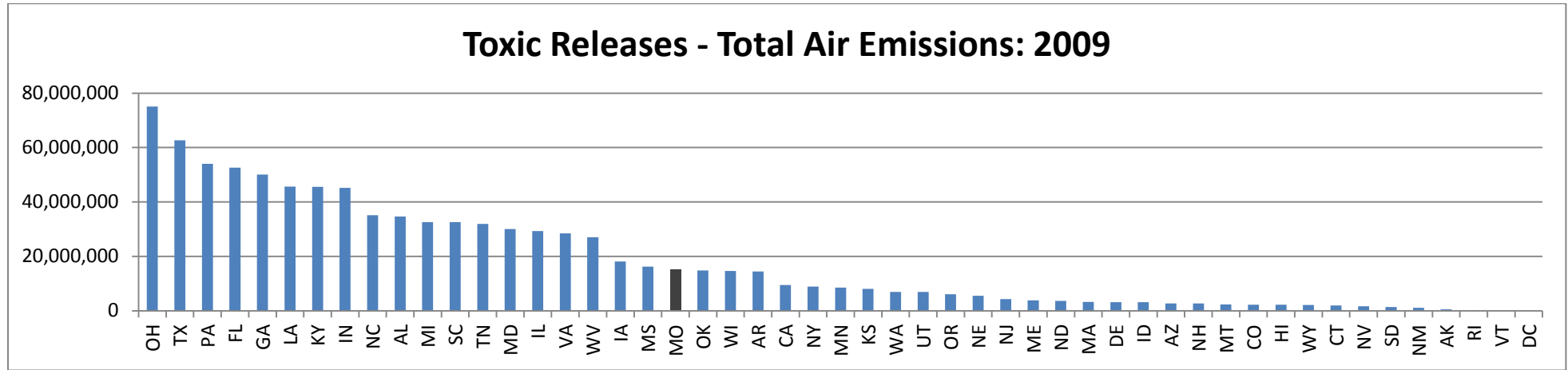
Rank	State	Pounds
39	Washington	15,629,587
40	New Mexico	15,297,901
41	New Jersey	12,944,597
42	Maine	8,463,681
43	Delaware	8,085,313
44	Massachusetts	5,375,009
45	South Dakota	4,589,642
46	Connecticut	3,314,913
47	Hawaii	2,947,264
48	New Hampshire	2,899,274
49	Rhode Island	395,231
50	Vermont	262,030
51	District of Columbia	23,809
	<b>United States</b>	<b>3,367,548,904</b>

Year	MO Rank	Pounds
2006	15	109,861,126
2007	16	96,839,277
2009	15	75,727,384

Source: Morgan, K. O., & Morgan, S. 2009; 2010; 2011



### Toxic Releases - Total Air Emissions: 2009



Rank	State	Pounds
1	Ohio	75,123,706
2	Texas	62,696,316
3	Pennsylvania	54,012,237
4	Florida	52,608,616
5	Georgia	50,026,656
6	Louisiana	45,678,225
7	Kentucky	45,556,053
8	Indiana	45,177,118
9	North Carolina	35,138,777
10	Alabama	34,644,696
11	Michigan	32,625,341
12	South Carolina	32,579,702
13	Tennessee	31,946,016
14	Maryland	30,057,084
15	Illinois	29,269,611
16	Virginia	28,415,306
17	West Virginia	27,008,533
18	Iowa	18,121,768
19	Mississippi	16,200,094

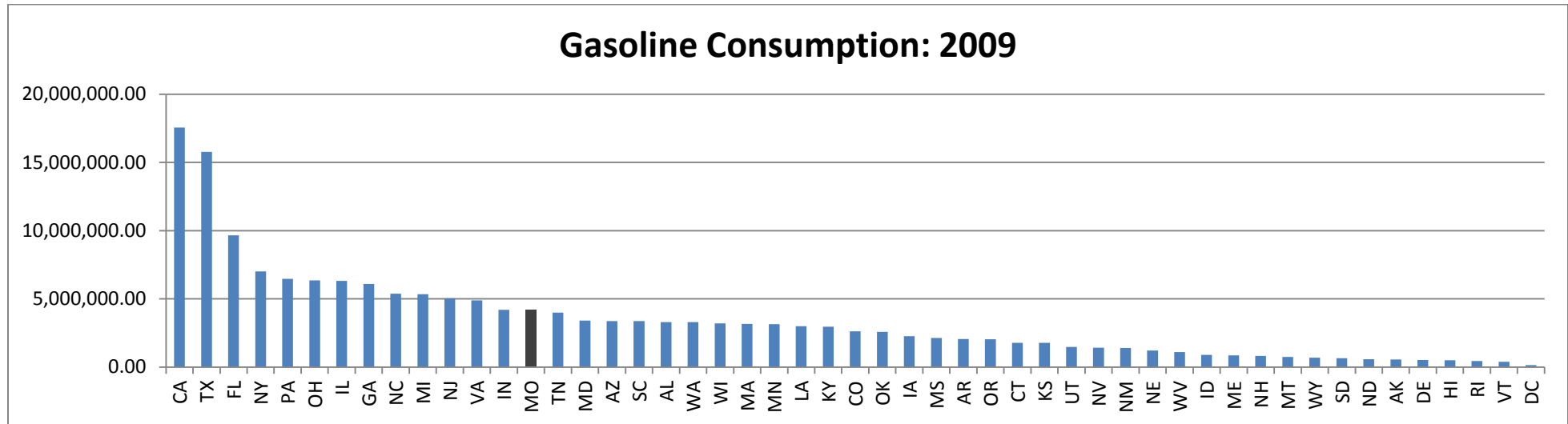
Rank	State	Pounds
20	Missouri	15,101,172
21	Oklahoma	14,764,742
22	Wisconsin	14,593,359
23	Arkansas	14,424,785
24	California	9,470,079
25	New York	8,866,265
26	Minnesota	8,466,169
27	Kansas	8,011,645
28	Washington	6,948,213
29	Utah	6,871,172
30	Oregon	6,048,391
31	Nebraska	5,489,038
32	New Jersey	4,326,346
33	Maine	3,850,480
34	North Dakota	3,594,546
35	Massachusetts	3,247,046
36	Delaware	3,172,033
37	Idaho	3,164,624
38	Arizona	2,676,813

Rank	State	Pounds
39	New Hampshire	2,668,581
40	Montana	2,298,035
41	Colorado	2,230,182
42	Hawaii	2,228,566
43	Wyoming	2,072,352
44	Connecticut	1,895,394
45	Nevada	1,632,904
46	South Dakota	1,403,506
47	New Mexico	1,090,664
48	Alaska	523,423
49	Rhode Island	173,218
50	Vermont	25,433
51	District of Columbia	1,152
	<b>United States</b>	<b>908,216,183</b>

Year	MO Rank	Pounds
2006	22	17,423,793
2007	21	18,303,380
2009	20	15,101,172

Source: Morgan, K. O., & Morgan, S. 2009; 2010; 2011

### Gasoline Consumption: 2009



Rank	State	Gallons
1	California	17,559,874.85
2	Texas	15,776,582.68
3	Florida	9,658,995.01
4	New York	7,004,890.35
5	Pennsylvania	6,463,111.30
6	Ohio	6,356,654.63
7	Illinois	6,305,229.20
8	Georgia	6,087,206.03
9	North Carolina	5,367,541.04
10	Michigan	5,343,299.94
11	New Jersey	5,034,892.16
12	Virginia	4,887,786.12
13	Indiana	4,202,718.51
<b>14</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>4,152,906.65</b>
15	Tennessee	3,989,926.33
16	Maryland	3,396,996.09
17	Arizona	3,367,817.11
18	South Carolina	3,364,659.67
19	Alabama	3,290,932.38

Rank	State	Gallons
20	Washington	3,287,803.37
21	Wisconsin	3,196,138.88
22	Massachusetts	3,168,825.34
23	Minnesota	3,150,686.05
24	Louisiana	2,991,908.88
25	Kentucky	2,959,329.71
26	Colorado	2,622,245.83
27	Oklahoma	2,572,866.57
28	Iowa	2,259,073.30
29	Mississippi	2,130,965.58
30	Arkansas	2,055,760.19
31	Oregon	2,043,509.24
32	Connecticut	1,782,087.23
33	Kansas	1,769,433.06
34	Utah	1,470,755.30
35	Nevada	1,419,515.07
36	New Mexico	1,397,749.35
37	Nebraska	1,218,563.26
38	West Virginia	1,106,354.46

Rank	State	Gallons
39	Idaho	891,255.55
40	Maine	851,082.10
41	New Hampshire	810,803.74
42	Montana	733,625.66
43	Wyoming	694,300.52
44	South Dakota	648,100.52
45	North Dakota	570,772.58
46	Alaska	559,127.60
47	Delaware	513,858.28
48	Hawaii	501,208.70
49	Rhode Island	448,879.04
50	Vermont	385,818.43
51	District of Columbia	133,529.96
	<b>United States</b>	<b>171,957,953.35</b>

Year	MO Rank	Gallons
2007	14	4,303,781.00
2008	14	4,170,408.17
2009	14	4,152,906.65

Source: fhwa.dot.gov



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